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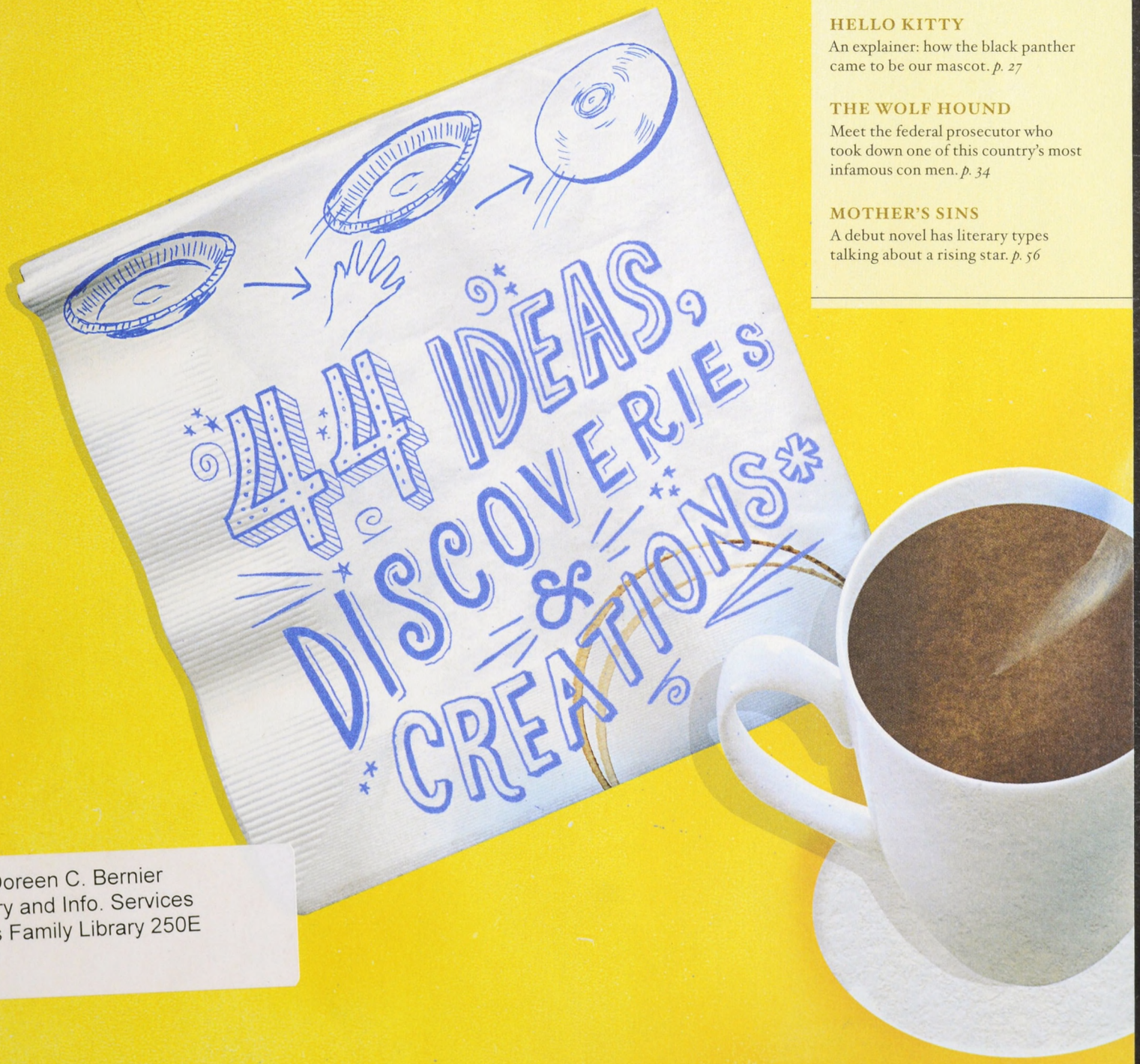

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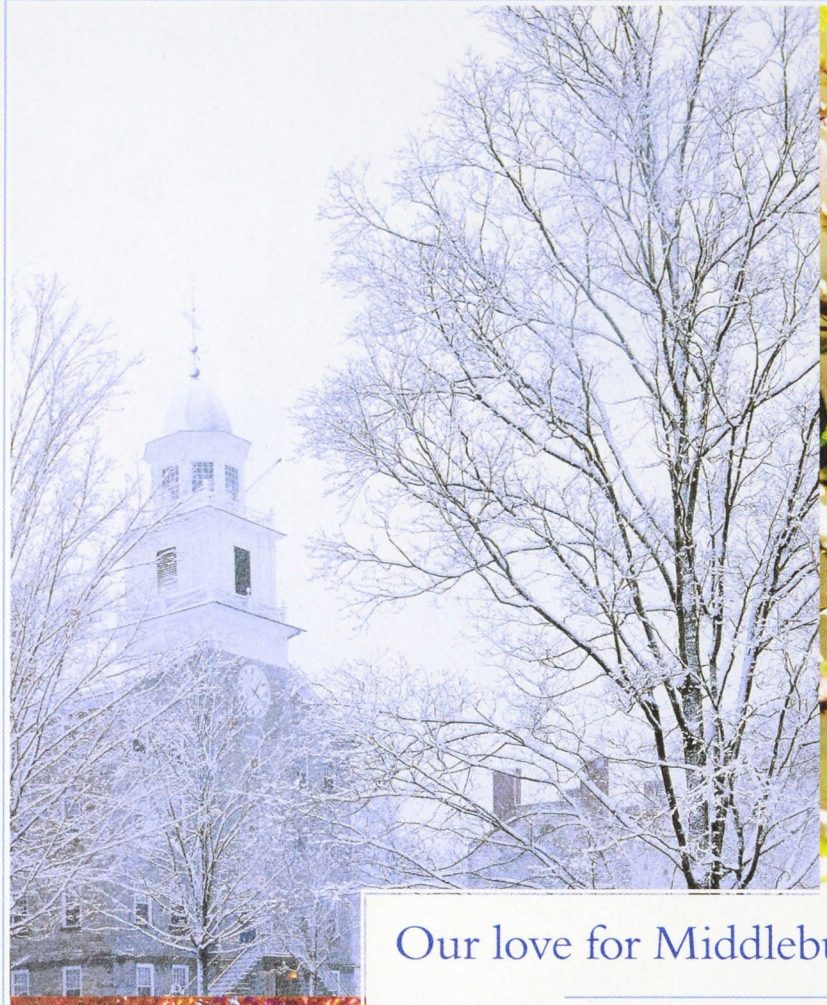

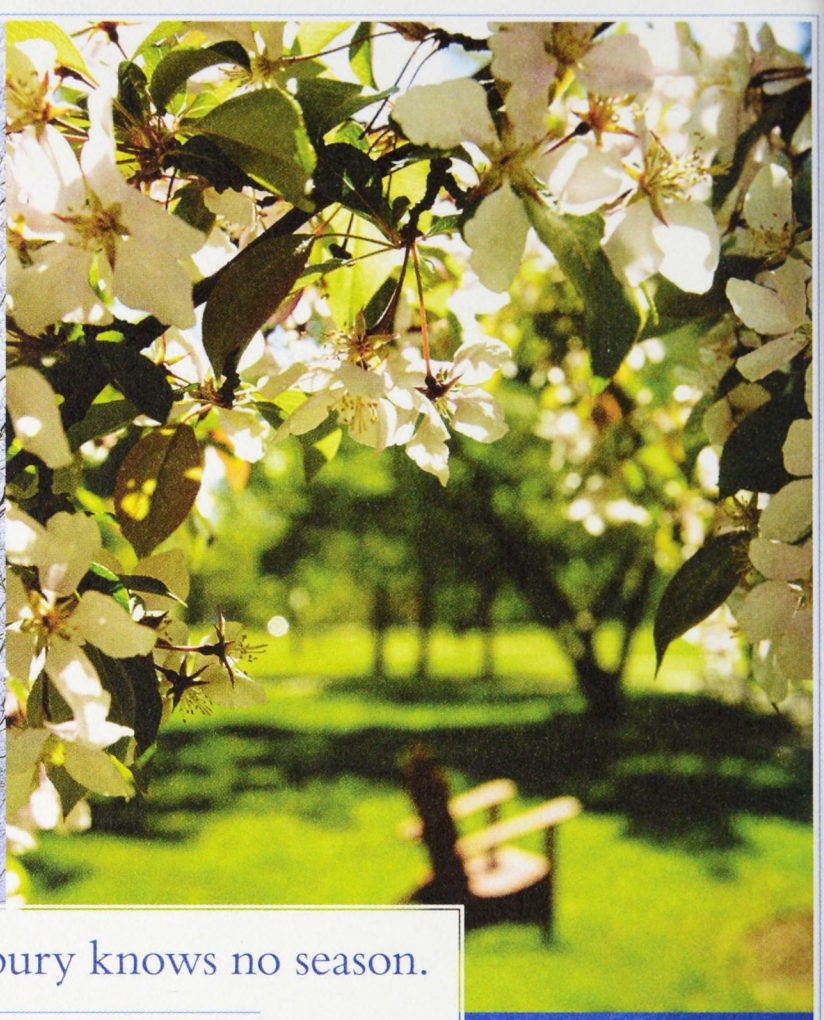

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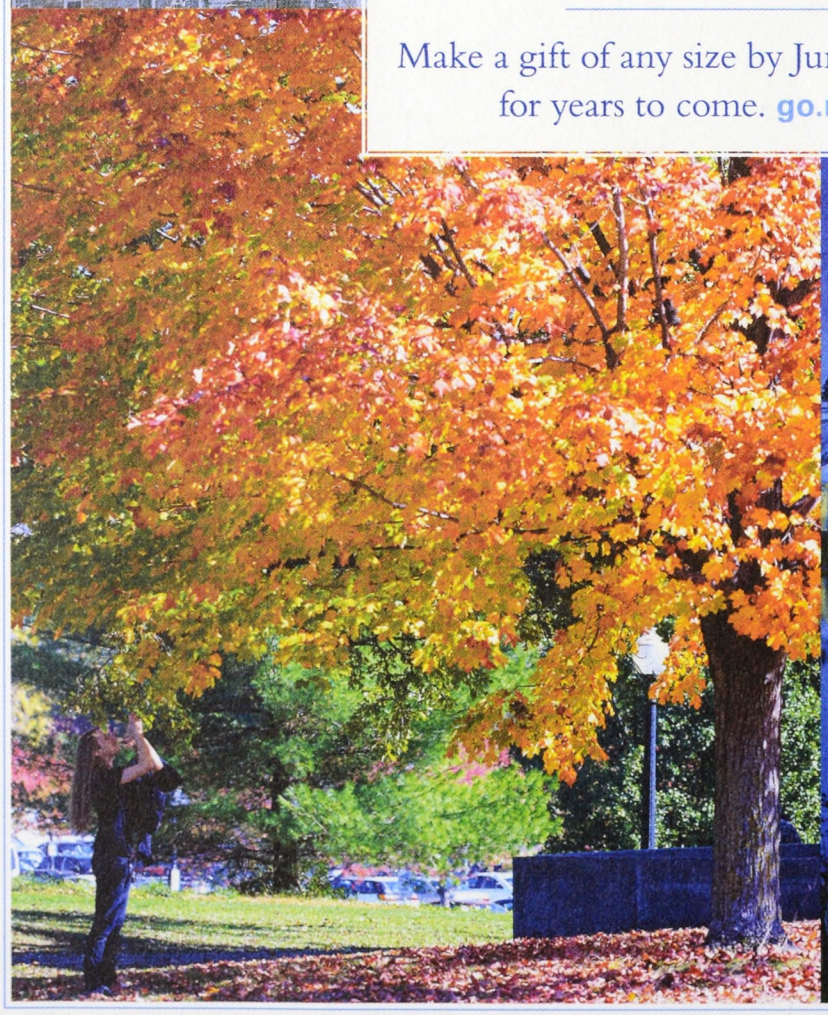

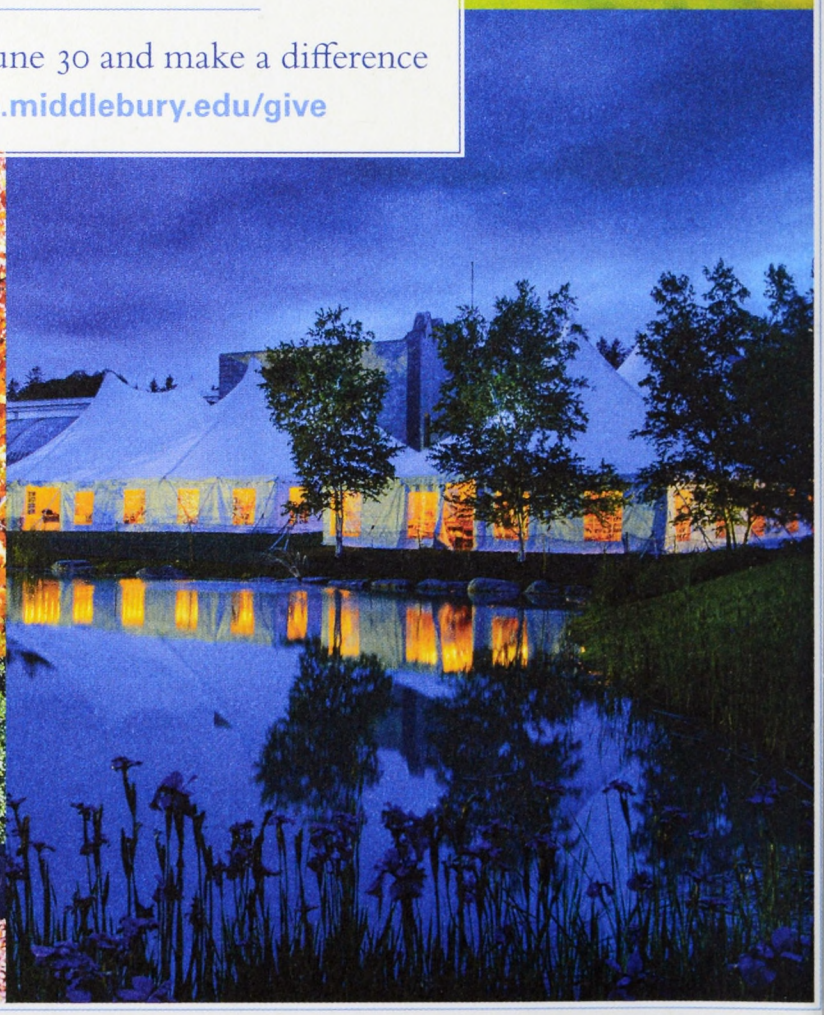

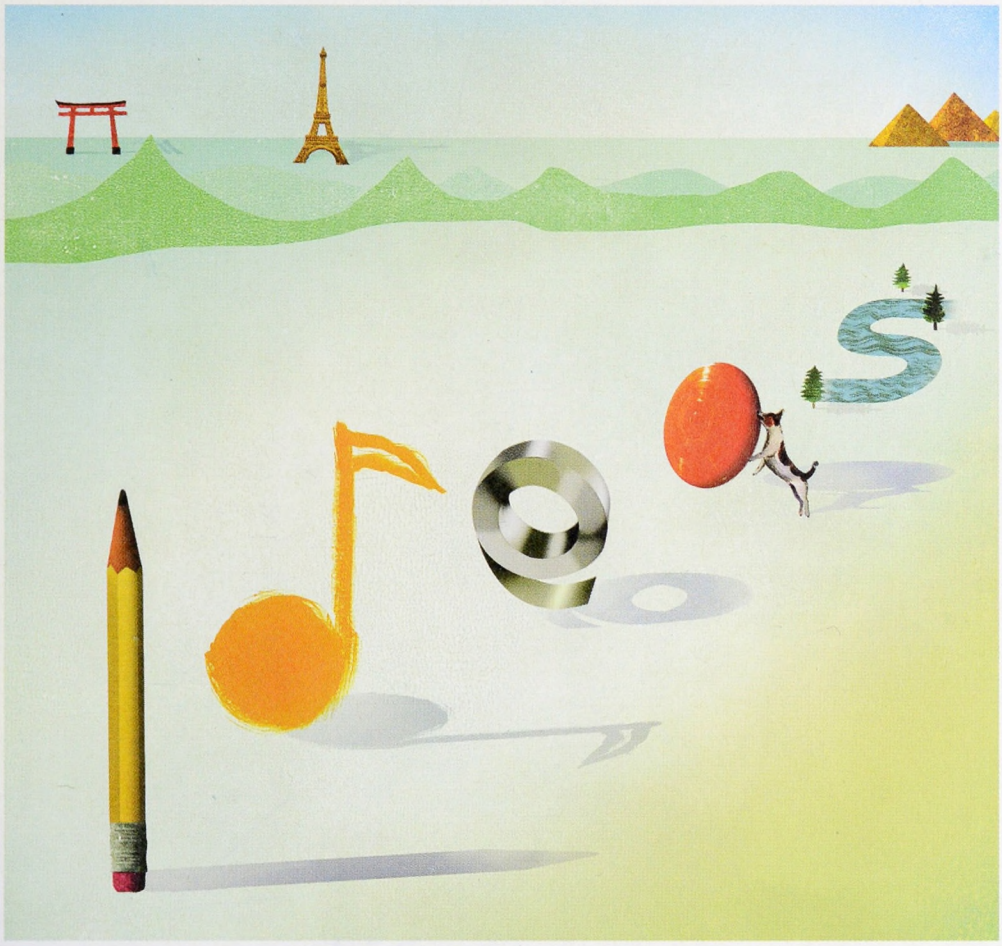

By David Wolman '96.5

The Big Idea(s)

Middlebury DNA is everywhere. That shouldn't come as a surprise. We frequently see the names of fellow graduates in the highest ranks of government; on the mastheads of top academic and literary journals; and in leadership roles in the worlds of business, art, engineering, medicine, agriculture, and more. Besides, where *doesn't* Middlebury have a footprint—Antarctica?

Yet in the hustle and bustle of our everyday lives, noticing the achievements of other Middlebury alums, faculty, students, or the school itself is a sporadic occurrence, rarely accompanied by some time to pause and contemplate that contribution.

Now is your chance. This issue's catalogue of ideas, inventions, discoveries, and creations brought into the world by Middlebury and its people is a reminder of the breadth of original thinking that radiates out from our favorite corner of the Champlain Valley.

Fair warning: This collection is by no means comprehensive. To be honest, it feels criminally incomplete. Where's broomball? Where's the M83 X-ray flare-up? (Look it up!) Yet in reading through this smorgasborg, you will see that the editors were not aiming to deliver a complete accounting. Their goal—and I think they've pulled it off—is to showcase and celebrate the variety of Middlebury influences on modern life.

A few prominent themes do stand out, though. Commitments to education and international affairs are two, and there are impressive showings from the fields of design, business, literature, and entertainment.

There is also a pervasive sense of atypical thinking that should strike you as familiar. That's because when we said yes to a Middlebury education, we were actually saying yes to a bunch of things (winter, small class sizes, healthy food, J-term, to name a few) and no to a bunch of others (hurried specialization, coasting through course work, urban amenities).

Whether we knew it or not, we were also saying no to conventional wisdom. One of my sharpest memories about Middlebury isn't of a specific event, but of an ethos—of learning the well-established way of thinking about a given topic so that we could then proceed to interrogate—and possibly overturn—it.

Maybe we could even come up with something better.

That isn't to say Middlebury breeds citizens who automatically reject whatever idea they encounter. That would be just as toxic as unquestioning acceptance of conventional wisdom. But to the extent that generalizing about the minds of Midd grads is even feasible, I submit the not-so-outlandish theory that a core value shared by many of us is that the status quo generally constitutes the least compelling thing going. And it may be flat-out wrong.

This manner of thinking about the world, of instinctively striving for a fresh take, is on full display in this remarkable collection. The editors put a lot of thought into these 44 selections. I'm sure you could come up with at least 44 more. M

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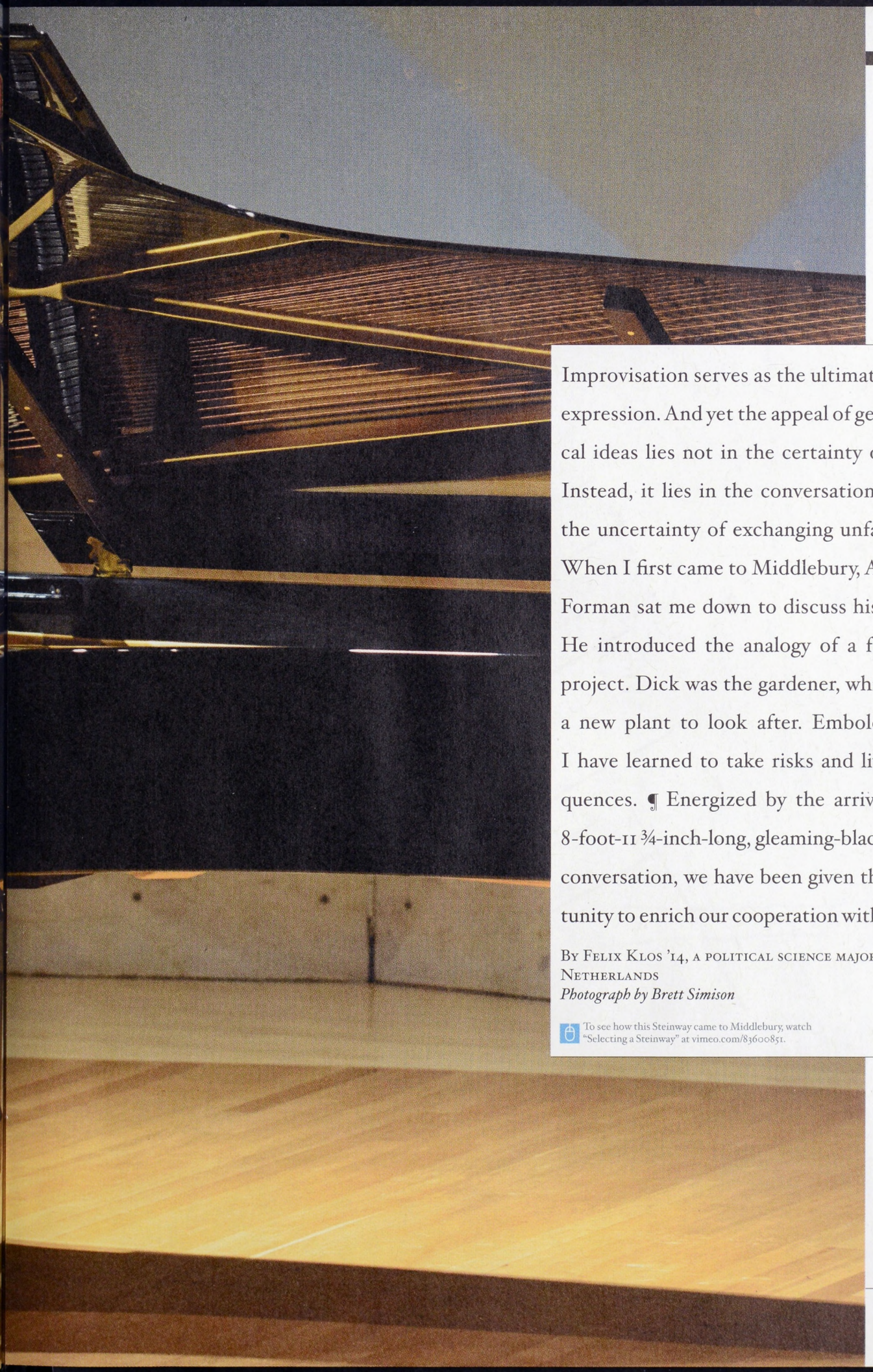
STEINWAY & SONS

The College's new Steinway—a gift of the Rothrock family in honor of Jessica and Ron Liebowitz—was dedicated in grand style with an evening of performances not soon to be forgotten.



Improvisation serves as the ultimate tool of individual expression. And yet the appeal of generating new musical ideas lies not in the certainty of unique creation. Instead, it lies in the conversation that evolves from the uncertainty of exchanging unfamiliar thoughts. ¶ When I first came to Middlebury, Affiliate Artist Dick Forman sat me down to discuss his teaching method. He introduced the analogy of a four-year gardening project. Dick was the gardener, while I would become a new plant to look after. Emboldened by his care, I have learned to take risks and live with the consequences. ¶ Energized by the arrival of a brand-new, 8-foot-11 ¾-inch-long, gleaming-black participant in our conversation, we have been given the humbling opportunity to enrich our cooperation with a new perspective.

By Felix Klos '14, a political science major from Hilversum, Netherlands

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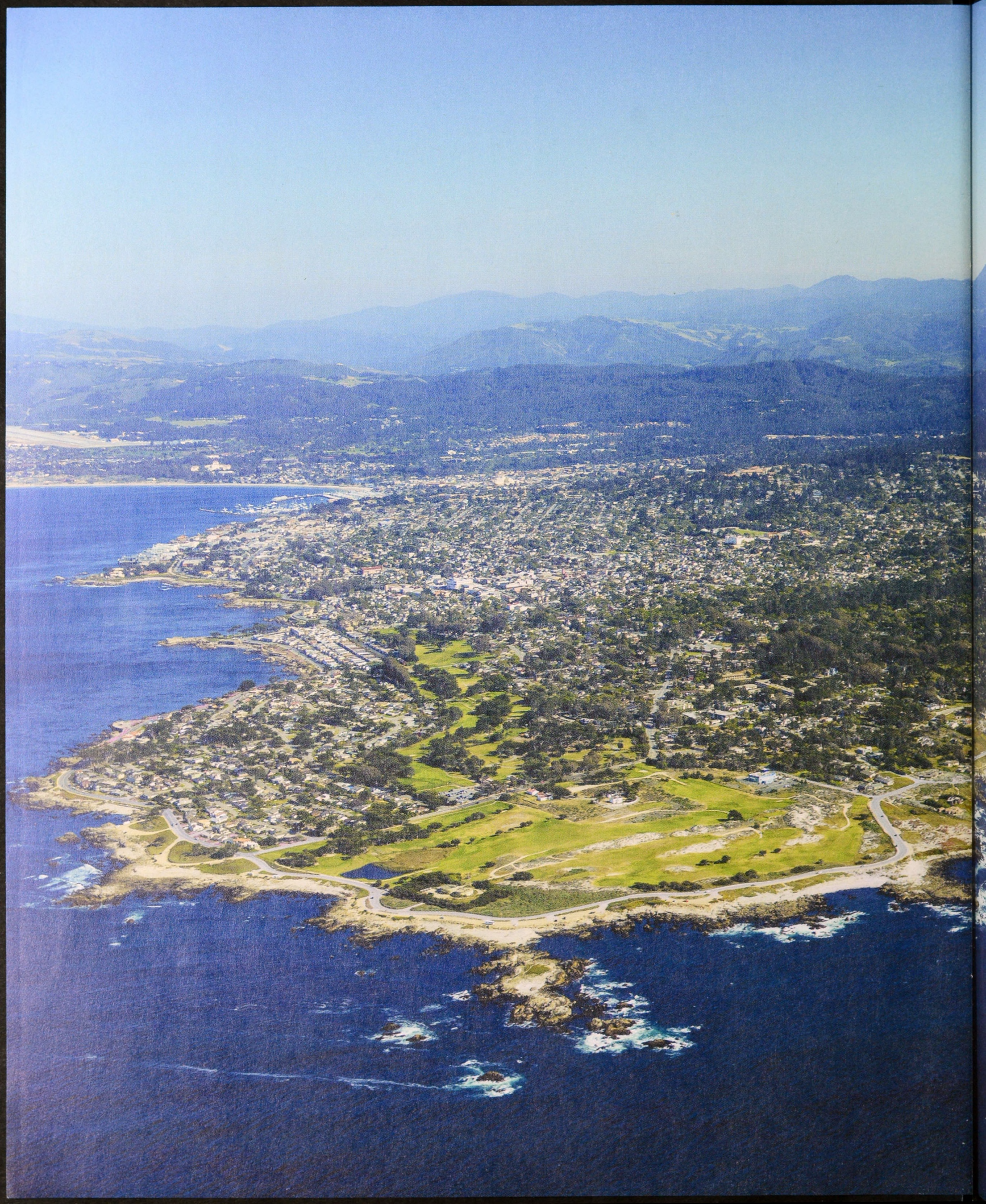
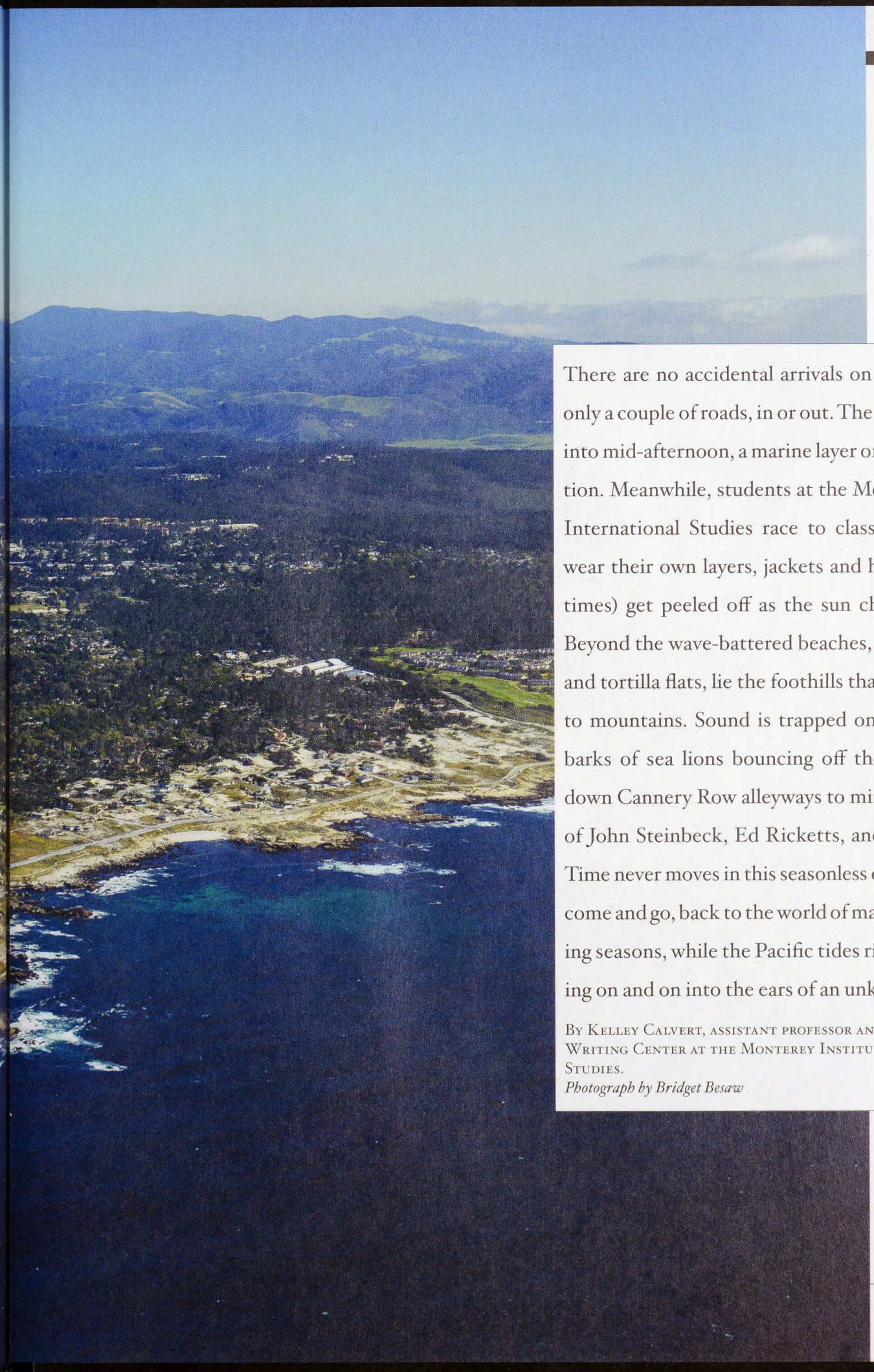
To see how this Steinway came to Middlebury, watch "Selecting a Steinway" at vimeo.com/83600851.





The Monterey Peninsula serves as a living laboratory for students at MIIS, a location rich in resources that fuel environmental policy, technology, business, and global studies.

There are no accidental arrivals on the Monterey Bay; only a couple of roads, in or out. The morning fog lingers into mid-afternoon, a marine layer of drowsy determination. Meanwhile, students at the Monterey Institute of International Studies race to class on bicycles. They wear their own layers, jackets and hoodies that (sometimes) get peeled off as the sun chases away the fog. Beyond the wave-battered beaches, past the oak groves and tortilla flats, lie the foothills that gradually give way to mountains. Sound is trapped on the peninsula, the barks of sea lions bouncing off the hills and echoing down Cannery Row alleyways to mingle with the voices of John Steinbeck, Ed Ricketts, and Joseph Campbell. Time never moves in this seasonless dimension. Students come and go, back to the world of many roads and changing seasons, while the Pacific tides rise and fall, whispering on and on into the ears of an unknown interpreter.

By Kelley Calvert, assistant professor and director of the Writing Center at the Monterey Institute of International Studies.

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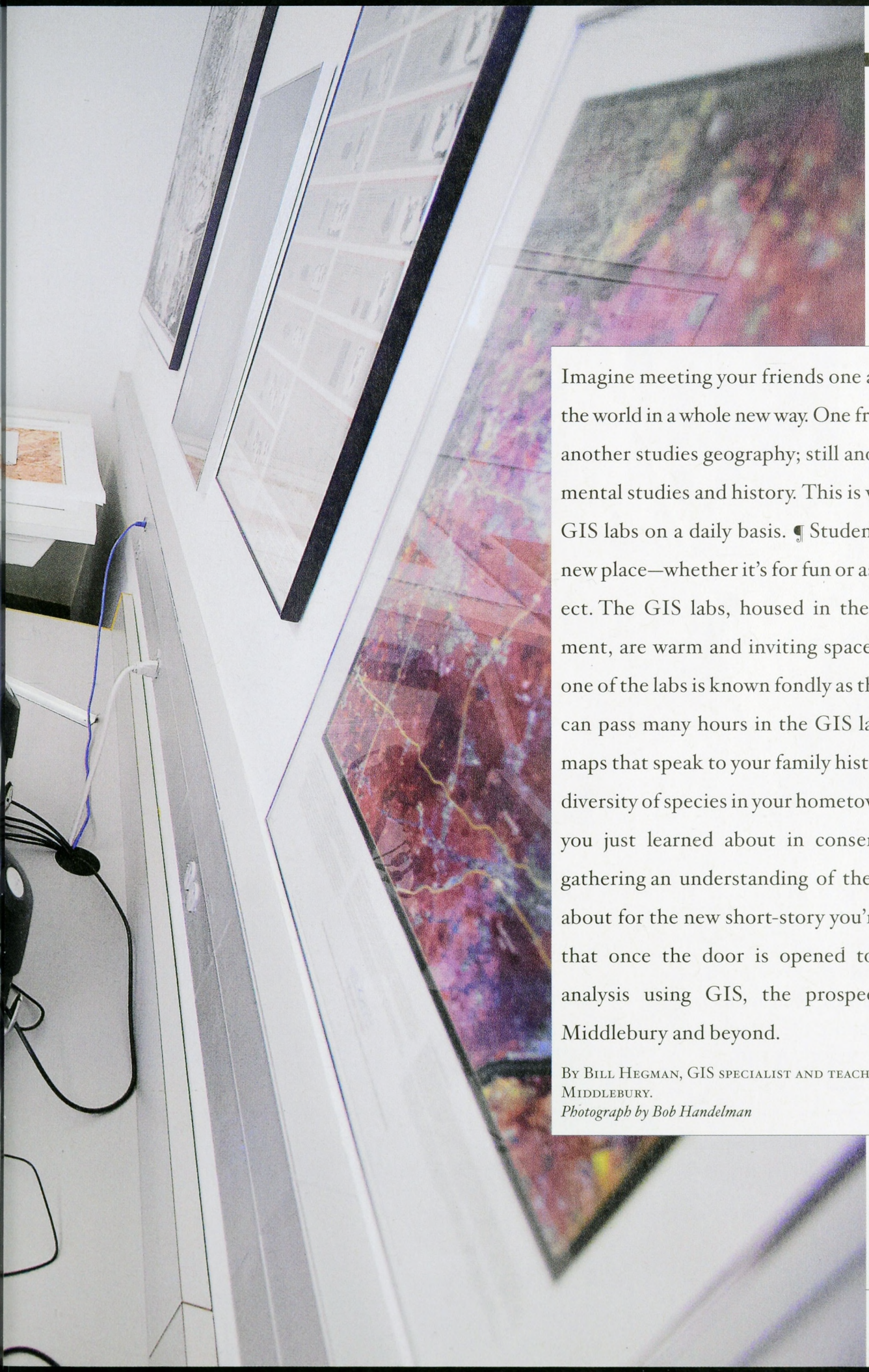

It may sound like a setup to a joke, yet it speaks to the interdisciplinary nature of GIS: An English major, two environmental studies majors, a geography major, and a biology major (pictured left to right) walk into a GIS lab . . .

Imagine meeting your friends one afternoon to look at the world in a whole new way. One friend studies English, another studies geography; still another loves environmental studies and history. This is what happens in the GIS labs on a daily basis. ¶ Students love to explore a new place—whether it's for fun or as part of a class project. The GIS labs, housed in the geography department, are warm and inviting spaces—so much so that one of the labs is known fondly as the "sandbox." ¶ One can pass many hours in the GIS labs, finding historic maps that speak to your family history or exploring the diversity of species in your hometown—something that you just learned about in conservation biology—or gathering an understanding of the places you'll write about for the new short-story you're crafting. It seems that once the door is opened to maps and spatial analysis using GIS, the prospects are endless at Middlebury and beyond.

By Bill Hegman, GIS specialist and teaching fellow at Middlebury.
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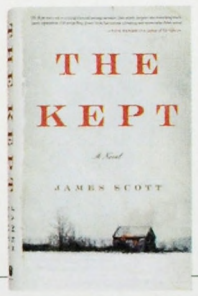

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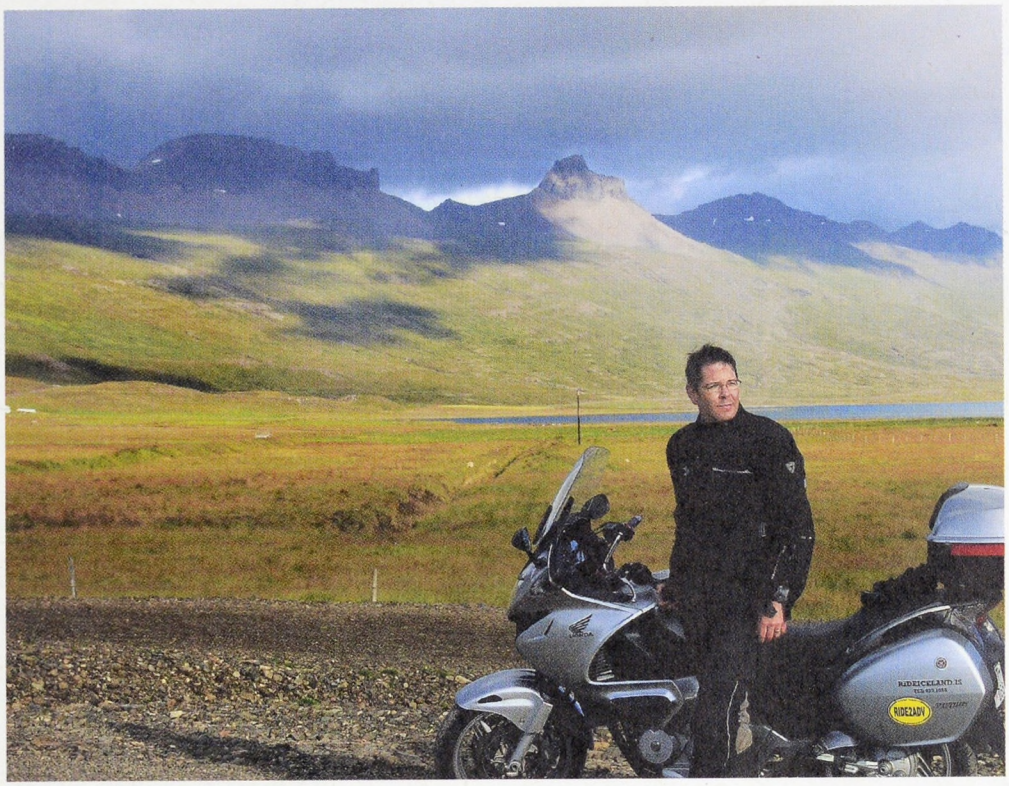

In Memoriam

When my e-mail inbox pinged at around ten o'clock on the morning of March 11, alerting me to a message from David Bain with the subject line "FW: Matt Power," I smiled and wondered what adventure the intrepid journalist had embarked on now. David's opening words—"devastating news"—stopped me cold.

Matthew Power had died at the age of 39.

I did not know Matt well. We had met at Bread Loaf about 10 years ago and had subsequently bumped into each other a couple of times. No matter where his reporting travels had taken him—Iceland, Cambodia, South Sudan, Tasmania—he always seemed to find his way back to the mountain and the Writers' Conference each summer, where he was a tuition scholar in 2004 and a guest lecturer ever since. While Matt was at home in the world—more at ease in the most uncomfortable situations than anyone I know—Middlebury was his home. He was raised in Cornwall and educated at Middlebury Union High School and Middlebury College, Class of 1996; Addison County seemed to be the perfect place to incubate what Matt described as "childhood fantasies of having an adventurous life." Fantasy became reality, but unlike those who get the wanderlust bug and never look back, Matt's perpetual motion allowed, always, for moments in Vermont, moments cherished by family and friends and those who just wanted to be in his orbit. People like me.

In the weeks following Matt's passing, I had conversations with alumni journalists who were close friends of his. Some were contemporaries, folks from his class or classes adjacent, but far more were 10 or even 15 years younger. And they all shared common stories. They didn't come to Middlebury because of Matt, but they all left wanting to do what he did. Not only were they inspired by his example, but they were beneficiaries of what friend Abe Streep '04 has described as his "relentless generosity," his ability to connect, to empathize, to encourage.

Matt is gone, leaving this Earth far too soon, yet he lives on through so many others—people we know and people we will never meet. For those feeling his loss most acutely, I hope there's some solace in knowing this.—*MJ*

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A few things to know about photographer **Mark Ostow** ("Sing Along"): He plays chess. He owns not one, but two coffee bars in Massachusetts; one in Cambridge's Porter Square called Café Zing and another in Arlington Center named Kickstand Café. And he's one of the finest photographers plying his trade on the Eastern seaboard of the United States. Check out his work at www.ostow.com.

Elizabeth Traynor ("Respect Your Elders") draws fine trees . . . and birds and flowers and other assorted animals that would make one happy. Her editorial clients have included publishers (Random House, St. Martin's Press), magazines (*Bon Appétit*, *Esquire*), and newspapers (the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Washington Post*). She calls Boston home and says that she's been drawing for as long as she can remember. She also has a terrific website at elizabethtraynor.com.

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David Wolman '96.5 ("The Big Idea(s)") could very well be the most curious person we know, so a perfect choice to write our cover essay on ideas, inventions, and creations that Middlebury has given the world. He's a contributing editor at *Wired* and the author of books on money (*The End of Money*), spelling (*Righting the Mother Tongue*), and folks who are left-handed (*A Left-Hand Turn Around the World*). He's also a father of two youngsters and an all-around great guy. You can follow him on Twitter at @davidwolman.

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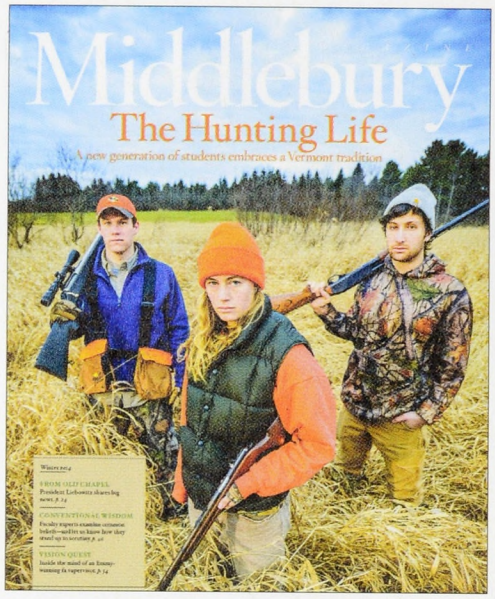

LOVED THE COVER

The cover of your winter 2014 issue is one of the best I have seen in my 35 years in the magazine business. It was handsome, surprising, engaging, and intriguing too. The story it headlined, "The Call of the Wild," was also exceptional: Like the best journalism, it turned upside down conventional belief and replaced it with a smart, nuanced understanding. More than that, it was a pleasure to read.

Congratulations to the writer and photographer. And to the editor who knows a great story when it crosses his desk!

—Bruce Hallett, *South Londonderry, Vermont*

The writer is the former president of *Time* and *Sports Illustrated*. He is now publisher of *Playbill*.

NAILED IT

What a pleasant surprise! Sarah Tuff '95 nailed it in "The Call of the Wild," which I see as a strong indication of good journalism (on her part) and good hunting (on the part of her subjects). Well, I should expect Middlebury students to hew to high standards: Get the story straight and understand hunting as the most ethical form of "shopping" for meat.

I wonder what would happen today if a hunter walked into the Grille with a shotgun under his or her arm and asked for a coffee—as I did a few times, in the old Crest Room. Back then, in the late 1960s and early 1970s, no one batted an eye.

It was a different world. I lived in Weybridge House for three years and kept two rifles and a shotgun in cases under my bed. When anti-Vietnam feelings finally began to run high, the campus cops courteously asked if I'd mind storing my guns at the police station instead. They assured me that I'd done nothing wrong, and that I'd have access to them anytime; this was just for everyone's peace of mind. I was happy to oblige.

My old professors would surely agree that I spent far too much of my time at Middlebury in the woods (and at the Snow Bowl, and on Lake Champlain, and rocketing up and down Rte. 100, and all that), but now I've done much, much more in my life with those skills than I ever did with my degree in geology.

—Silvio Calabi '72, *Camden, Maine*

PERSPECTIVE APPRECIATED

Sarah Tuff's piece, "The Call of the Wild," is excellent. As someone who is dedicated to getting youth—from young children to young adults—involved in hunting and fishing, I genuinely appreciate the perspective presented in this article.

When John Montgomery told my husband, Terry Wilson, and me about the forthcoming story on the college hunters, I assumed it would just be a profile. Including Pat Berry's comments gave it more depth, and addressing the issues of anti-hunting sentiments, cooking wild game, and the complex emotions involved in hunting make it so much more.

—Nancy Anisfield, MA English '85, *Hinesburg, Vermont*

WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?

I was surprised and troubled to see the cover story on hunting in your last issue. The whole thing was in bad taste, from the front cover on. Having lived in Vermont (and seen the hunting lobby kill gun-control proposals), I am familiar with the argument that hunting is part of your culture. But this is not appreciated outside Vermont. To show students posing with guns and eulogizing hunting will go down badly in universities that have been wounded by guns, like Virginia Tech.

In my view, any article of this kind simply feeds the intransigence of gun owners and cre-

Chile se extiende a lo largo de 4.300 km, desde la frontera con Perú al norte hasta el Estrecho de Magallanes en el sur—entonces, no es una sorpresa que los estudiantes tengan la posibilidad de inscribirse en nueve universidades distribuidas en seis sitios diferentes.

ates more demand for guns. If your students feel the urge to kill, let them keep it to themselves. This was a most unfortunate lapse of judgment.

—Iain Guest, *Washington, D.C.*

CONGRATS

Congratulations on showing "The Hunting Life" on the cover of *Middlebury Magazine*! I hunted while at Middlebury in the 1960s, and this cover and article are so refreshing after being deluged by all the anti-firearms articles in the press.

This is a refreshing change and restores my faith in the College.

—Anthony Ganz '63, *Glastonbury, Connecticut*

COVER UP

Yes, I have to hide the cover of your winter issue from my loyal Middlebury husband. He and I are incensed at the poor taste displayed, so many of us mourning deaths from guns and concerned for our country's safety and sanity.

Hunting is a hobby, apparently by a few at the College, and not in the curriculum. What other exciting hobbies are there not to be discussed in future issues?

—Rachel Cutter Bender '58, *Boulder, Colorado*

NIX THE THEME

Killing animals while hunting certainly does represent positions of many and is appropriately laid out in your feature story "The Call of the Wild," but please, not as a general theme presented by the cover.

—James Barnard '54, *Commenting on middmag.com.*

HAPPY HUNTING

My wife is a Middlebury grad, and she receives this magazine, which she usually passes on to me with some comment about "you might be interested in [X] in this issue." This morning over breakfast, I avidly read the two pieces (the cover essay, "In the Woods," and the feature story, "Into the Wild") on hunting in the Middlebury community. As an avid grouse (I guess "partridge" in "New Englandese"), I read these with considerable interest.

The articles struck several chords with me. One was the resurgence in hunting with younger folks. Another chord was linking harvesting and consuming wild game as a way to connect to nature and as additive-free, natural, local food. I have grouse hunted in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine—usually one of them every October. I train my bird dogs in the Vermont woods usually every fall.

—Mark Jones, *Bethel, Ohio*

FIREARM SAFETY 101

The photographs used in "The Hunting Life" show a shocking disregard for the appropriate handling of firearms. With the exception of the young woman on the cover the other participants do not demonstrate any familiarity with the protocol for carrying a weapon. This is inexcusable and those individuals responsible for approving the content of this magazine should be reprimanded.

In addition their facial expressions project intimidation, as though they were hunting people rather than wild game.

—Kit Horton '63, *Commenting on middmag.com.*

The writer served in the United States Army from 1963 to 1965.

GOOD MOVE

My alma mater #Middlebury seems to be changing for the better. #Conservation thru #hunting instead of #ivorytower.

—@erinfish, *Commenting on Twitter*

ESOTERIC THOUGHT

Enterprising @Middlebury students look around, notice Vermont's bounty . . . then start #hunting.

—@LilyMcCaulou, *Commenting on Twitter*

NOVEMBER REMEMBERED

"The Call of the Wild" was an excellent article. I remember joining several classmates hunting for the elusive buck during the November deer season each year.

—John McHenry '64, *Commenting on Facebook*

FILL ME IN

Teach me, @Middlebury: what were you thinking with this cover story on guns and hunting?

—@annkirschner, *Commenting on Twitter*

Mail Bag Who would have thought that a subject such as hunting would spark such a voluminous output of letters? (We kid.) We had an inkling that readers would have strong opinions about both our feature story "The Call of the Wild" and our choice of cover for the winter issue—and we are appreciative, extraordinarily so, for those who have taken the time to write. We see the magazine as a vehicle for conversation—not one-way communication—and we hope this dialogue continues.

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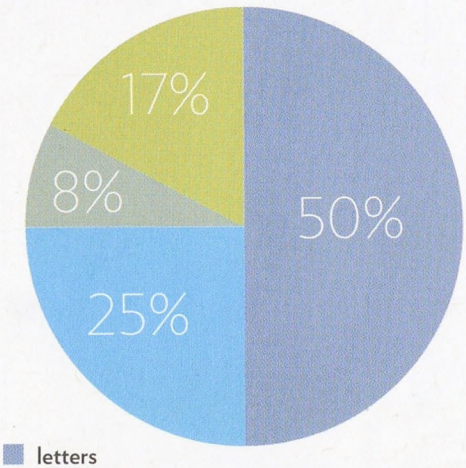

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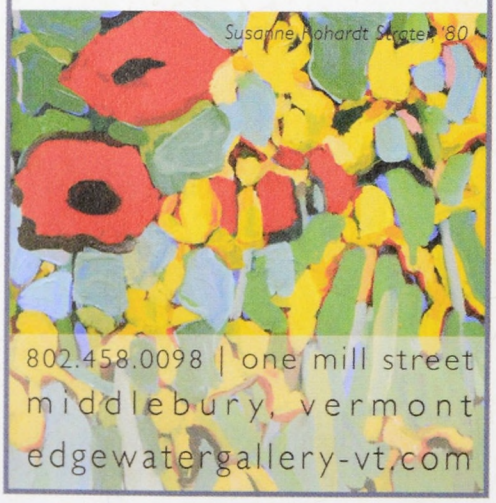
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SURPRISED AND PLEASED

I have to say that I was very surprised and pleased to see the topic of hunting covered in the winter issue. As an avid hunter and fisherman, I find it gratifying to hear that students at Middlebury are interested in these pursuits, especially during a time when most people experience the natural world exclusively through what they see on a movie screen or a computer monitor.

I also appreciated the article's factual and positive presentation of hunting as an outdoor activity and a means of obtaining one's food. Obviously the topic is controversial, and I'm sure you will receive letters expressing outrage (or at minimum, disappointment) that this activity, which many consider cruel or inhumane, was featured in the magazine. However, I firmly believe that hunters understand animal behavior, the dynamics of nature, and the meaning of the word conservation better than most, even those who consider themselves naturalists or environmentalists. I think that comes across well in this article.

My only criticism is with the statement that "thirty years ago, a morning of hunting might begin with breakfast at Proctor, where scrambled eggs might be accompanied by the clink-clink-clink of unbuckled handguns and shotguns landing on an adjacent table. A few eyebrows might have been raised, but then folks would have turned back to their coffee." I was there 30 years ago, and believe me, that would *not* have happened then, either. That passage might describe the Middlebury of the 1950s, but not the 1970s.

Thanks for the piece. I hope we see interesting articles just like this one in the future.

—John Hecklau '79, *Syracuse, New York*

SPECIOUS REASONING

I was a bit dismayed at the lack of challenge to points raised by hunters that to my admittedly uninformed mind seem specious. It is only because we have killed off so many of a deer's natural predators that we are then able to argue that hunting them has a conservation effect. What I wonder is what someone more knowledgeable than I would say to the idea that, historically, predators other than man kill older, young, or wounded animals, thus giving some effect to survival of the fittest. Man hunts the deer with the biggest racks, thus looking to kill the males that should be breeding for the betterment of the species. And why is that? Does a male deer with a large rack make a more challenging hunt? Only in that it is something to be proud of: I killed something big.

I am a vegetarian, but believe in a food chain and don't in theory have anything against hunting, but I have known too many hunters who take too much pleasure in the killing of something to think that the article did anything other than selectively choose (and fail to challenge) the motivation of hunters. I am not a hypocrite. If you eat meat you buy, it stands to reason you shouldn't be against killing it as well. And the person interviewed who said that the duck or goose is certainly happier than a farmed animal up until the time it is killed is clearly correct. But this is a complicated issue, and the magazine did nothing other than promote hunting. I wouldn't have been surprised to see a huge ad by a certain pro-rifle organization.

—Daniel Victor '88, *Commenting on middmag.com.*

THANK YOU, HUNTERS

I commend Sarah Tuff for her story "The Call of the Wild." From the richest, deepest immersion in nature possible, the self-sourcing of protein and the economic benefits, she hit on most of the key points. The mark missed is how hunters (and anglers) pay for America's conservation efforts.

Hunters and anglers are the original conservationists. They contribute billions of dollars annually to the conservation of fish, wildlife, and their habitats through the purchase of hunting and fishing licenses. Sportsman-supported conservation organizations (Ducks Unlimited, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Pheasants Forever, etc.) provide additional millions of dollars toward the same goals. Lastly, they are often the most organized and vocal voices supporting conservation in legislative halls. If you view wildlife, visit a state wildlife area or national wildlife refuge, or enjoy clean rivers, please thank a hunter or angler.

The benefits hunters and anglers provide to our communities, states, and the nation should be celebrated. (Thank you, Ms. Tuff.) We should be singing of our experiences and good work . . . just not in the duck blind, please.

—David Lane '99, *Portland, Oregon*

The writer is the deputy administrator of the information and education division of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

DISTURBED!

I have nothing against hunting. I own a beautiful Ithaca Feather Light 12 gauge myself; and I have trekked many times through the woods and meadows of western New York with it, in disciplined parties of two or three other hunters.

However, I am concerned about the images

and attitudes and competencies that *Middlebury Magazine* conveys with its winter issue. So when I say that to me the cover of your current issue is nothing less than appalling, it cannot be taken as a sleight to hunting.

Two blank-faced young men posed with their weapons carelessly held, and a sullen-faced young woman equally armed, make for a horrible portrait. To know that these young people are among the brightest makes the image all the more disturbing.

What in the world happened here that such an image of Middlebury and sport hunting and young hunters should be given prominence on the cover of *Middlebury Magazine*? It causes me to doubt the competencies and question the attitudes of those who approved this. Whoever is responsible for this has discredited Middlebury.

—D. H. Monroe, *Commenting on middmag.com*

GREAT JOB

This might be my favorite and most memorable Midd magazine cover yet—perhaps I will even open/read...

—@aubshiny, *Commenting on Twitter*

DELIGHTED

Thank you for publishing an article that supports hunting. It has been an enjoyable sport in my family for years, and I am delighted to learn that our students are taking advantage of the opportunities Vermont has!

—Linda Ross, *Commenting on middmag.com.*

NOT OK

I was actually shocked to see a picture of hunting students on the cover of the magazine. Here we are in 2014 having a discussion about the moral personhood of animals, and we see one of the progressive, environmentally enlightened colleges (that we send our daughter to) celebrating the hunting way of life. Humans can thrive on a plant-based diet—we do not need to kill animals, whether out in the wild or in factory farms. It is morally wrong to kill animals. Just because we can shoot them, doesn't mean we should. Imagine if an alien creature with advanced weaponry decided to kill us for food. Would that be OK? It would not be OK. We do not need to eat animals.

—Rama Ganesan, *Commenting on Facebook*

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ridiculous images that accompany the story "The Call of the Wild" make me wonder if Middlebury's received its payoff yet from the gun lobby.

—ERIC WINICK '90, *Commenting on middmag.com*

HINDSIGHT

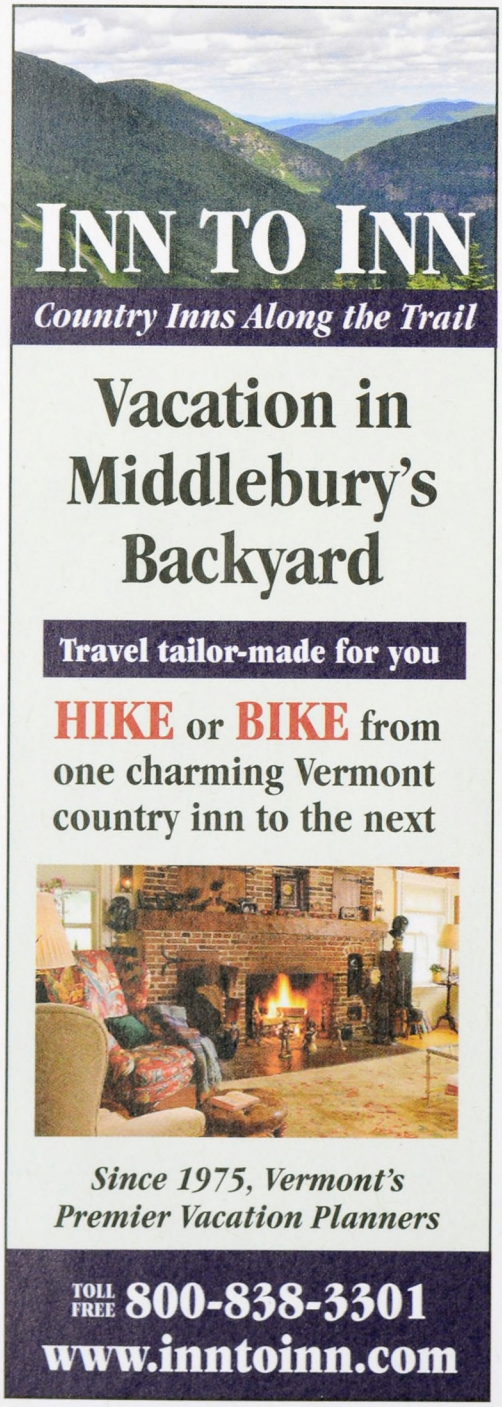
It was great to see hunting portrayed in a fair light and great to see young people taking up the hunting life. I came late to hunting, but well remember John Detwiler trudging off shotgun in hand on beautiful fall days at Middlebury. I only wish I knew then what I know now: the patience, discipline, and humility that hunting teaches its practitioners.

—HAL GOLDMAN '86, *Commenting on middmag.com.*

DISAPPOINTED AND TROUBLED

I was underwhelmed and disappointed at the cover photograph and feature story "The Call of the Wild" in the winter issue.

As an Army veteran during our nation's fiasco in Vietnam, I am of the opinion that any weapon that uses a bullet should be reserved exclusively for the use of police and military personnel. Neither hunting nor weapons of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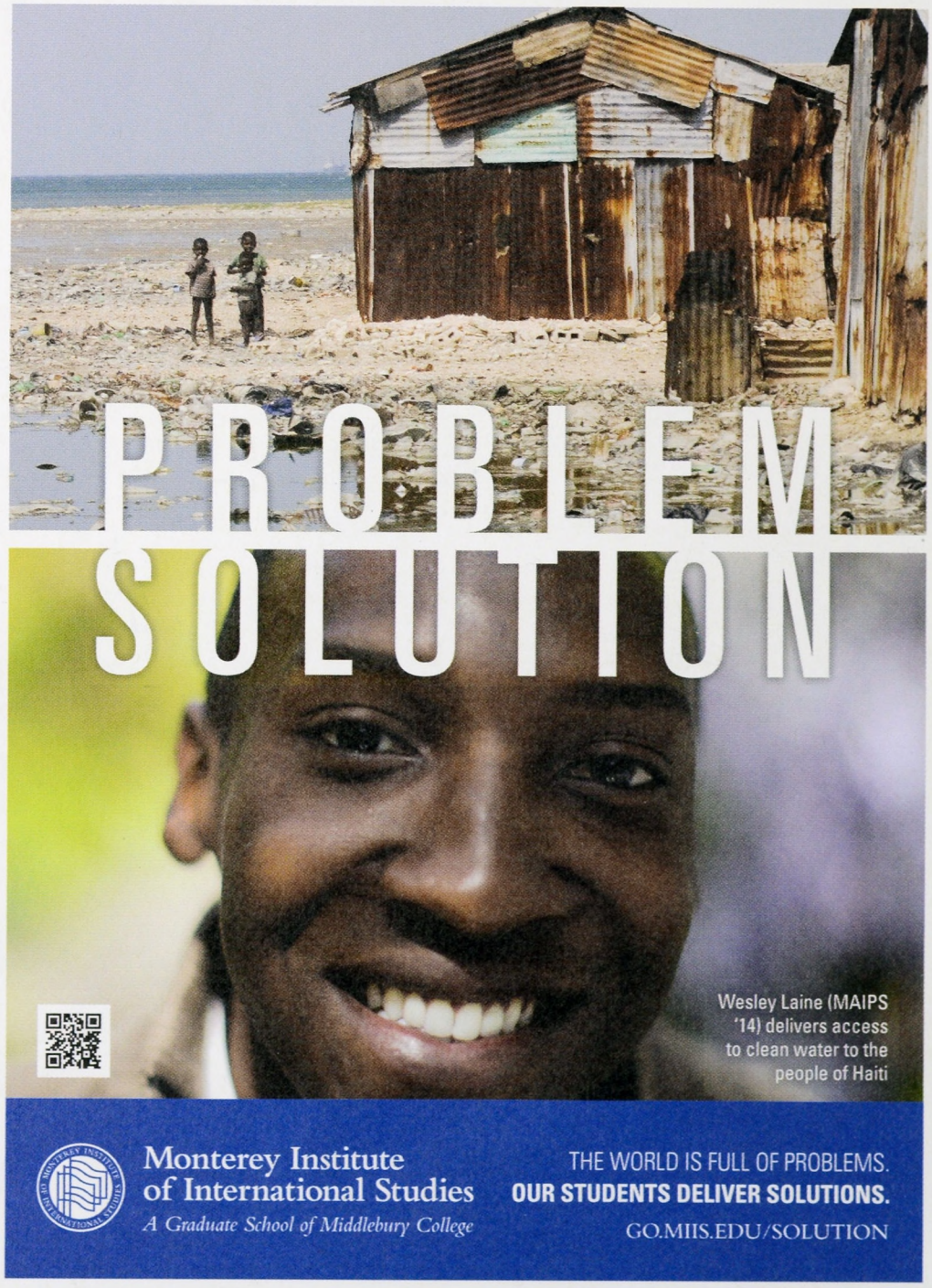
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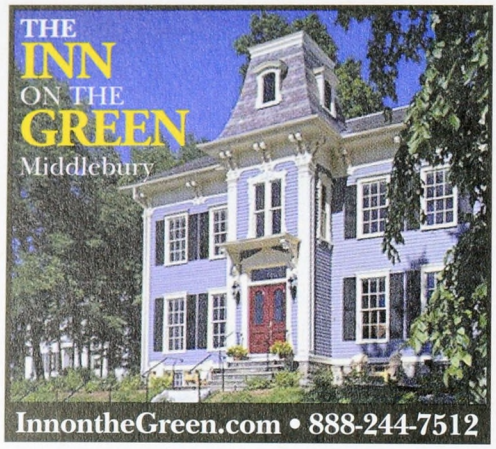

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any kind are allowed on my property. In a time so closely following the gun-related homicides of so many school children in this country and the politicized hysteria of the National Rifle Association and what I believe is a bizarre interpretation of the Second Amendment to the Constitution, I was stunned that the precious space in our college magazine would be devoted to such a story, based on an assumption that hunting is just one more ethically neutral, elective activity. If I want to read about guns and hunters (which I do not), I will buy a copy of *Field and Stream.*

Three years ago I sent the magazine editorial office the true story of a Middlebury alum whose major in biology led him to work as a state game warden, a position that allowed him and his wife to successfully restore the eagle to a part of the country where it had been vacant for many decades. That story was never published. I can't help but be perplexed at values that will publicize undergraduates killing animals as an extracurricular activity versus a graduate who has used his education and devoted his life to restoring a species' life. This is both curious and troubling.

Lest these comments be misinterpreted, I look forward to receiving each issue of the magazine; I enjoy many articles and am proud of the journal that represents my college.

—Stephen C. Gray '69, *Brunswick, Maine*

DEPARTMENT OF NOMENCLATURE

To "pass away" or to "die"?

I'm an avid reader of Class Acts, and I always startle at the euphemistic use of "passing" or "passed away" when class correspondents refer to the deaths of their classmates. Sometimes the news item does "report the death of . . ." or says that "so and so died," but more often, we read about "passing." Aaargh! He passed whom? She passed where? What did they all pass? An exam? An inspection? Did they pass by? Good grief! Has he or she passed out?!

I'm curious. There appears to be no consistency or protocol regarding this usage in Class Acts. Perhaps news submitted that speaks of "passing" simply doesn't get edited? Most of us Midd grads, I dare say, can handle the word that reveals—precisely and albeit sadly—the fact that our friend and classmate has indeed died. Thank you for considering a more consistent reporting of alumni deaths as "deaths."

P.S. A warning: When I eventually die, (cork off, expire, depart this world, conk out, or start pushing up daisies), I'll come back to haunt you if you report *my* demise by writing, "She passed away."

—Nancy Walker Faulkner '55, *Peterborough, New Hampshire*

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SAUSAGE IN D.C.

Perhaps I am reading way too much into this, but the stunning revelation ("Capital Digs," winter 2014) that Middlebury maintains a 6,000-plus-square-foot (three-times the size of my house) Office on K Street in Washington, D.C., ostensibly for alumni and social gatherings, gives the lie to the enduring myth of the "small, quaint, New England liberal arts college" that has been so carefully cultivated over the years.

The reality is that a whole lot of unsavory sausage making goes on at K Street, in the company of other Armani-suited lobbyists representing powerful interests. Perhaps there's fodder there for a new undergraduate course in political science called Influence-Peddling: How Higher Education Maintains Its Grip on Lawmakers, which could amply serve as an eye-opening senior seminar, where students could learn that sausage making is never pretty and everything, and everyone, bows to the Almighty Dollar.

—James E. Close '74, *Mechanicville, New York*

FAVORITE PLACES

I'd like to revisit Matt Jennings's request ("Now and Then" fall 2013) for readers to write in with remembrances of Middlebury places of yesteryear. It scared me that there was not more than one response in the winter 2014 issue! Has our Middlebury community become so modern that there is no more memory of "places that allow Middlebury, the character, to be"?

Rereading that editor's column, I have another place to jog the minds of our readers, and it is the old Chipman Hill jump, long gone by our years for its intended purpose, but not unused. Remember those early years which spawned the demo-derby events (surely "T" Tall '65 does)? Well, at Chipman Hill, part of those events was a hill climb. I can't recall if it was a jalopy hill climb or a motorcycle hill climb. What I do remember from the motorcycle era was a hill climb, or more accurately "stair climb" up our fraternity staircase that I was witness to as a local-corporation fraternity officer during a college inspection of the property. Guess I got off the subject a bit there, so back to the "places." Another is the 50-meter jump at the Snow Bowl. That was a real icon, which I truly believed would be part of the end of Olympic jumping as it had in the NCAA. I'm so pleased the IOC retained a better view of jumping than the NCAA or Middlebury. Regardless, the memory has remained as vivid as ever.

—Dick Atkinson '60, *Sunapee, New Hampshire*

OOPS

The use of different flags and languages at the top of a few pages in the latest *Middlebury Magazine* was a nice touch given our worldwide recognition for excellence in language schools and study abroad.

The French, German, and Italian were fine, but wouldn't it have been better to show the flag of Argentina, Chile, or Uruguay for the Spanish text considering that Brazil's official language is Portuguese?

I took the editor's advice ("Read On") and made an effort to spend quality time with this issue—more than I normally do—which is why

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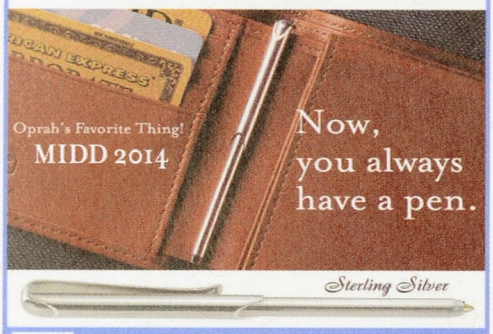

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I was paying particular attention to the flags. The magazine's staff does such an excellent job with this publication—but I've edited stuff for too long not to point this out.
—Lee H. Farnham '60, *West Trenton, New Jersey*

Editors' Note: We are exceedingly grateful to Mr. Farnham for both reading the magazine so attentively and for pointing out our error.

DREAM GIRL

I am delighted by "It Happened One Night" (Short Story, winter 2014), as I was there—it was truly a top-10 life experience. The 20 minutes of "That's What I Say," alone, was enormous. Added to my delight was a date with the girl of my dreams. But it turned out to be a fairy tale, because the next day she had vanished.

I still lie awake both enchanted and incredulous about that whole appearance. I guess you'd have to call it a bittersweet memory.
—Will Reger '61, *Council Bluffs, Iowa*

DEPARTMENT OF OVERSIGHT

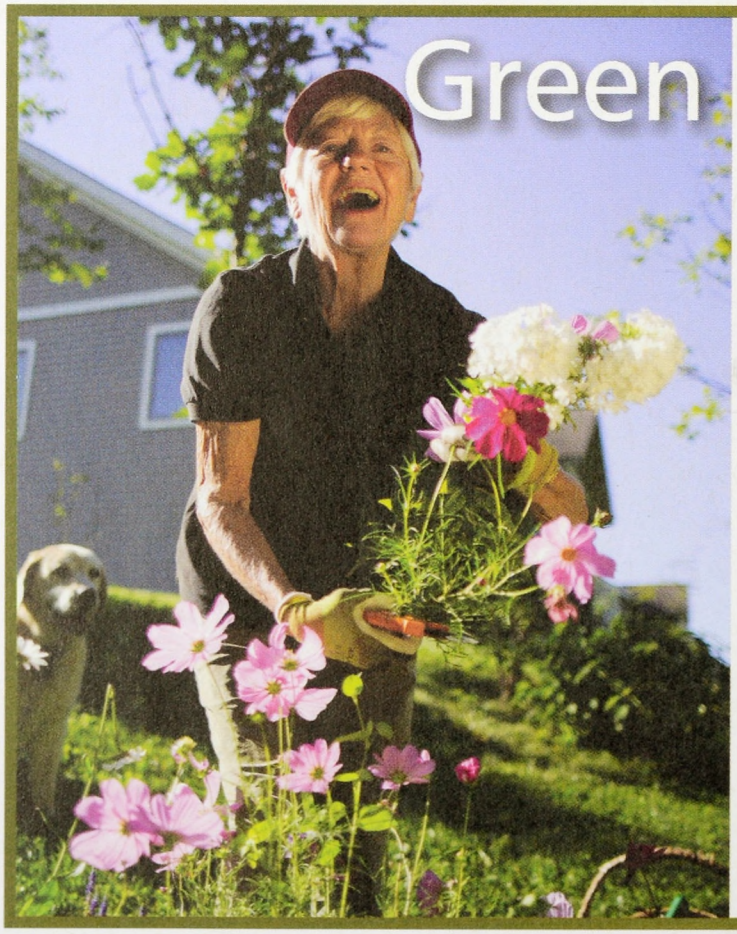
In the winter issue, we devoted our Fact Finder department to the Hirschfield International Film Series. Unfortunately, our fact-finding breakdown made an embarrassing error of omission: we failed to mention the role of the College's Film and Media Culture Department in administering the Hirschfield endowed fund.

Each spring, faculty from the FMC department hold meetings devoted to programming and guest lecturers for the following academic year. The faculty will solicit input from colleagues in other departments in the hopes of coordinating a class with a film screening, while also ensuring that all 10 of the foreign languages taught at Middlebury are represented by at least one film in the series as well.

It's quite an undertaking, one that ensures that wonderful international cinema is an integral part of the Middlebury culture. As film hounds ourselves, we sincerely regret not giving credit where credit is due.—The Editors

LETTERS POLICY

Letters addressing topics discussed in the magazine are given priority, though they may be edited for brevity or clarity. On any given subject we will print letters that address that subject, and then in the next issue, letters that respond to the first. After that, we will move on to new subjects. Send letters to: *Middlebury Magazine*, 152 College Street, Middlebury, VT 05753 or middmag@middlebury.edu.



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A flowering crabapple outside Forest Hall signals the long-awaited arrival of spring on campus.

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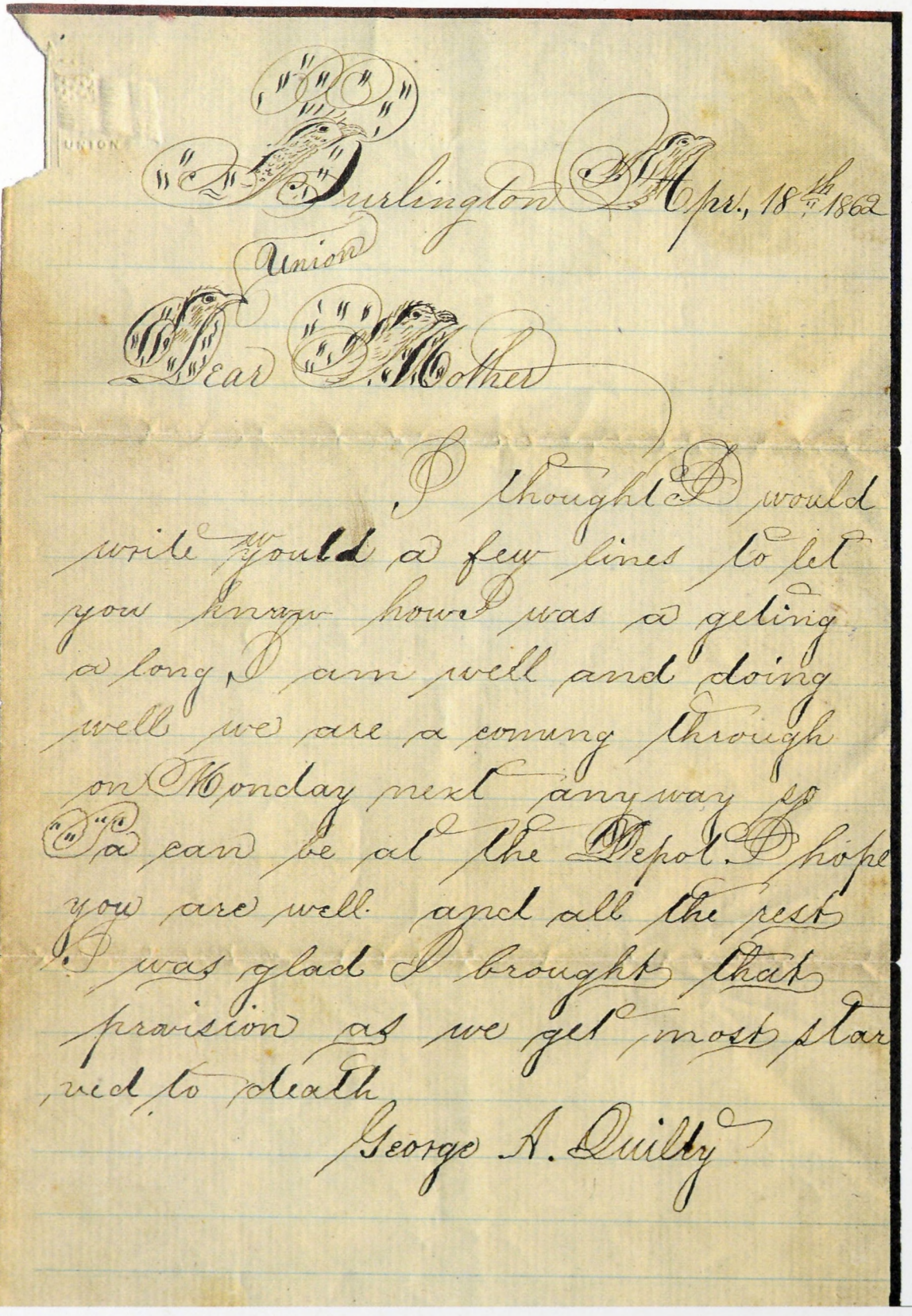
Letters from a Soldier

What do Civil War letters tell us about life in the 19th century? And how do 21st-century students discern the special details found within? Archivist Rebekah Irwin explains.



Burlington Apr., 18th 1862

Union

Dear Mother

I thought I would write I would a few lines to let you know how I was a geting along I am well and doing well we are a coming through on Monday next anyway so I can be at the Depot I hope you are well and all the rest I was glad I brought that provision as we get most starved to death

George A. Quilty

This single page manuscript is one of nearly 80 letters donated to Special Collections by John McHenry, Class of 1963. The letters were written largely during the Civil War by Mr. McHenry's great-grandfather, Benjamin Luke Quilty, and two of his great-great-uncles, John Quilty and George Quilty. When George wrote this letter from Burlington, Vermont, to his mother in Brandon, he was only 16 or 17 years old, serving at that time in the Seventh Vermont Regiment as an Army drummer.

As a librarian and archivist, I often search for historic artifacts suited to students, many of whom generally don't walk into our reading room knowing how to analyze a letter written 150 years ago. An artifact like this one, easily decipherable by most students and imbued with aesthetic and historic qualities, instills in students a certain confidence in their abilities to do historical research.

George's letter requires a kind of slow reading different from the instant gratification of social-media streams. Under close observation, we can find subtle historical clues: an embossed Union flag in the upper left-hand corner, patriotic eagles, George's devil-may-care use of punctuation and standardized spelling (or lack thereof), his subtle stage-whisper mention of starving to death. These details serve as clues, each pointing to larger historical themes and, I hope, a lesson in how an ordinary person demonstrated pluck, courage, and patriotism during a complicated time.

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QUOTATION

"When Randy Moss, Slovenian television, and the Middlebury College magazine are covering the same event, you just have to wonder if things have gone too far."

Sports Illustrated's **Peter King**, writing about Super Bowl Media Day for his blog, *The Monday Morning Quarterback*.
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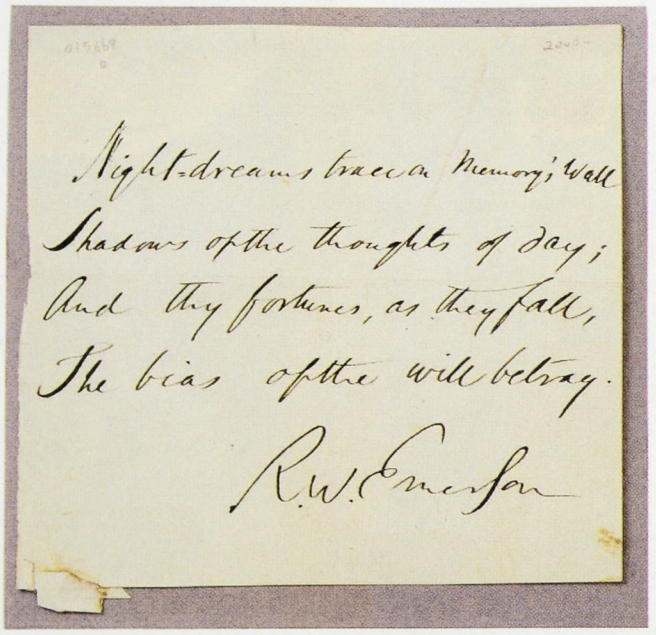
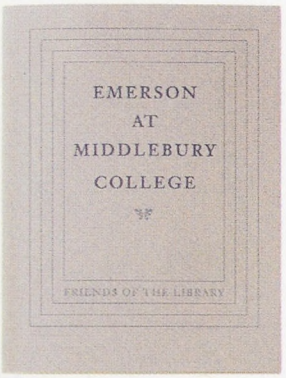
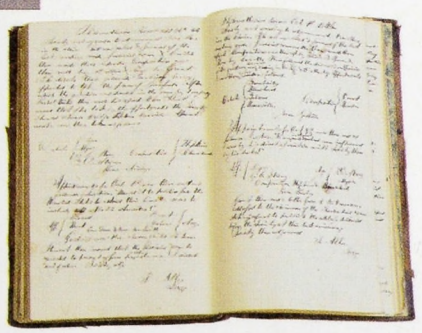

Night-dreams trace a memory's wall
Shadows of the thoughts of day;
And they fortunes, as they fall,
The bias of the will betray.
R.W. Emerson





EMERSON AT MIDDLEBURY

In 1845 Ralph Waldo Emerson delivered a speech at Middlebury College at the behest of the Philomathesian Society, the once-influential literary club that met weekly to debate political, religious, social, and moral questions of the day.

Emerson's talk at Middlebury was viewed by the *New York Daily Tribune* as an "earnest and eloquent exposition of the natural functions of the scholar" notwithstanding "the prejudices entertained in this region with regard to the peculiar views of the Transcendentalists." A local paper, *Northern Galaxy*, wrote, "[W]hatever may be said of [the address's] literary merits, we know that many Christian hearts were pained at some expressions which were nothing short of pantheistic atheism."

When the College asked Emerson in 1845 for permission to publish his "Discourse," the essayist and poet declined, as recorded in the minutes of the Philomathesian Society (see photo). The original speech resides in Harvard's Houghton Library, and the Friends of the Library obtained permission to publish it the 1999 booklet *Emerson at Middlebury College*. The Sage of Concord spoke at Middlebury on two more occasions, in 1864 and 1868, and the College Archives has 23 items written in Emerson's own hand, including letters, manuscripts, and this untitled four-line poem that opens "Night dreams trace a memory's wall."

NEWS

Posse, Added

STARTING NEXT YEAR, Middlebury will be expanding its partnership with the Posse Foundation, offering full-tuition scholarships annually to 10 urban students pursuing careers in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM).

The Posse STEM Scholars will be recruited in the fall of 2014 and matriculate on campuses the following year. Middlebury has hosted a new Posse group from New York each year since 1999. In the fall of 2012, the College added a second Posse group from Chicago. With the addition of the STEM group in 2015, which will be drawn from students in Los Angeles, each class entering Middlebury will include three Posse cohorts—approximately 30 students per class. Middlebury was one of 10 institutions recognized at a White House ceremony in January for participating in the Posse STEM initiative.

"We are very pleased to participate in this initiative and to welcome a new cohort of Posse Scholars," said Middlebury President Ron Liebowitz when the agreement was announced. "Since Middlebury first partnered with the Posse Foundation 15 years ago, our campus community has benefited greatly from the energy, intelligence, and leadership of our Posse Scholars. We are particularly excited to be able to help expand opportunities to Posse Scholars in the critical areas of science, technology, engineering, and math."

According to the Posse Foundation, which identifies, recruits, and trains public school students with leadership and academic potential, this recent initiative to recruit new STEM-partner institutions was launched in response to a challenge issued by President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama. With $70 million in combined support from participating institutions, the Posse STEM program is one of the largest scholarship announcements in the past decade for urban students pursuing STEM fields.

"Our partnership with Posse is one of many efforts we have in place to increase Middlebury's overall diversity, and it's an important one," said Shirley Collado, dean of the College. Collado, a former Posse Scholar herself, says the initiative will help the College toward its goal of diversifying students in STEM-related majors.

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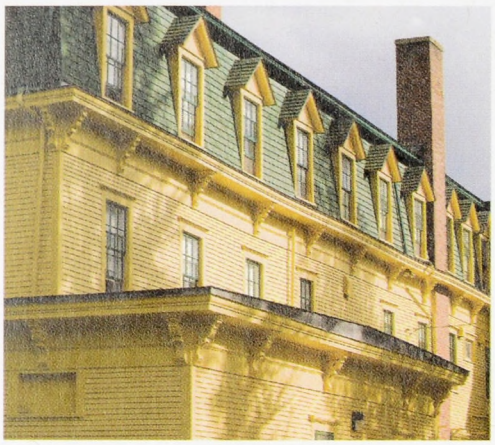

Why I Love the Bread Loaf Inn

By Michael Collier, Director, Bread Loaf Writers' Conference

When I attended the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference for the first time, more than 30 years ago, I was living on the West Coast, working as a housepainter. To scrape together airfare and room and board charges not covered by the scholarship I had received, I worked extra hours for Delmar Beavers, who managed an apartment complex.

Delmar was as thin as a key, and his breakfast consisted entirely of brown mules (vodka and Coke). He found the idea of flying across country to be with poets, writers, and "whatnots" a little weird. In his bemused, vodka-softened, Coca-Cola-sped-up way, he was trying to open my eyes to what I might be getting myself into out there in Vermont.

When I climbed out of the van that brought me from Burlington to the Bread Loaf Inn, the first thing I thought was that this place was the New England version of the Golden Gate Bridge in terms of its continuous painting requirements. The front of the Inn, with its acre or so of bright-yellow siding and the deep-green mansards and windows, represented a whole career's worth of work. And since that was the occupation paying my bills, I hardly noticed my fellow "whatnots," who were being directed to something called the Blue Parlor. Mesmerized is not quite the right word for the effect the cliff of yellow and green had on me. I felt a kind of sublime inspiration, tempered by my own bemused sense that as a writer there was a lot of work ahead of me, and that it might begin here. This feeling hasn't dissipated in the years since. I'm still susceptible to the looming, improbable fact of the Bread Loaf Inn, and I've never stopped seeing through my former housepainter's appreciative but daunted eye.

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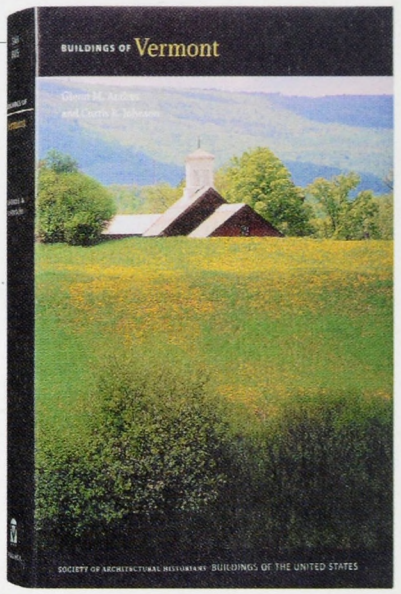


Buildings of Vermont

From *Seven Days*

If you've ever passed an eye-catching building while driving around Vermont and wondered about its history, you can now consult *Buildings of Vermont*. The authors of this invaluable resource, Glenn Andres and Curtis Johnson, spent the last 20 years researching the state's built environment.

From an original pool of more than 40,000 buildings listed in the state and national Registers of Historic Places, Andres and Johnson chose 643 notable examples and wrote an encyclopedia-like entry for each. The final product pairs about half of these entries with small black-and-white photographs by Johnson.

The scope of the book—from pre-statehood through today, inclusive of the entire state and every extant style and type of building—makes it the first of its kind. Local historical societies tend to produce histories of the buildings in their respective towns. Other works on Vermont architecture have focused on movements or single cities. Andres, who teaches in the art and architectural history department, realized that Vermont needed a statewide guide when he was studying on a Fulbright scholarship in England in 1987.

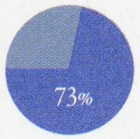
PICTURE

Leave A Message Considering all of the ways we can get in touch with one another on a college campus—text, e-mail, Facebook, message board, blog, listserv—there's something charming about the tried and true chalkboard. Since the wall across from the student mail room was given a couple of coats of chalkboard paint, this heavily trafficked corridor has become "message central" on campus.

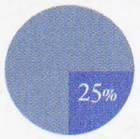
PHOTOGRAPH TOP LEFT BY CASEY KELBAUGH '96, TOP BY TODD BALFOUR AND ABOVE BY PAUL DAHM

Hello Kitty

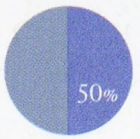
In the fall of 1922, a local merchant named Fay Evans sponsored a mascot-naming contest for the College, attracting nominations from students that ranged from "the domestic ram, merino type, to a polar bear." The most popular suggestions, though, fell into two categories: felines (bobcat, wild cat, lynx, catamount) and semi-aquatic natives (otter, beaver). The judges—President Paul Dwight Moody, football coach Arthur Brown, and Campus *Editor Eddy Kalin '23—selected, well, none of these. So how did the panther become our mascot?*



Percentage of NESCAC mascots that are animals



Percentage of these animals that can remotely be described as fierce



Panther winning percentage if it actually tussled with a polar bear (unscientific)

Lucky Bones
In 1924, a pair of "lucky bones"—taken from a black panther that was captured by a friend of the College while he was on safari in India—were crafted into a necklace by Tiffany & Co. and given to Middlebury President Paul Moody as a gift to be worn at sporting events.

33

Number of colleges and universities with a panther as a mascot

4

The panther's ranking, among all college and university mascots, in terms of popularity, trailing the bulldog, the tiger, and the eagle (in ascending order)

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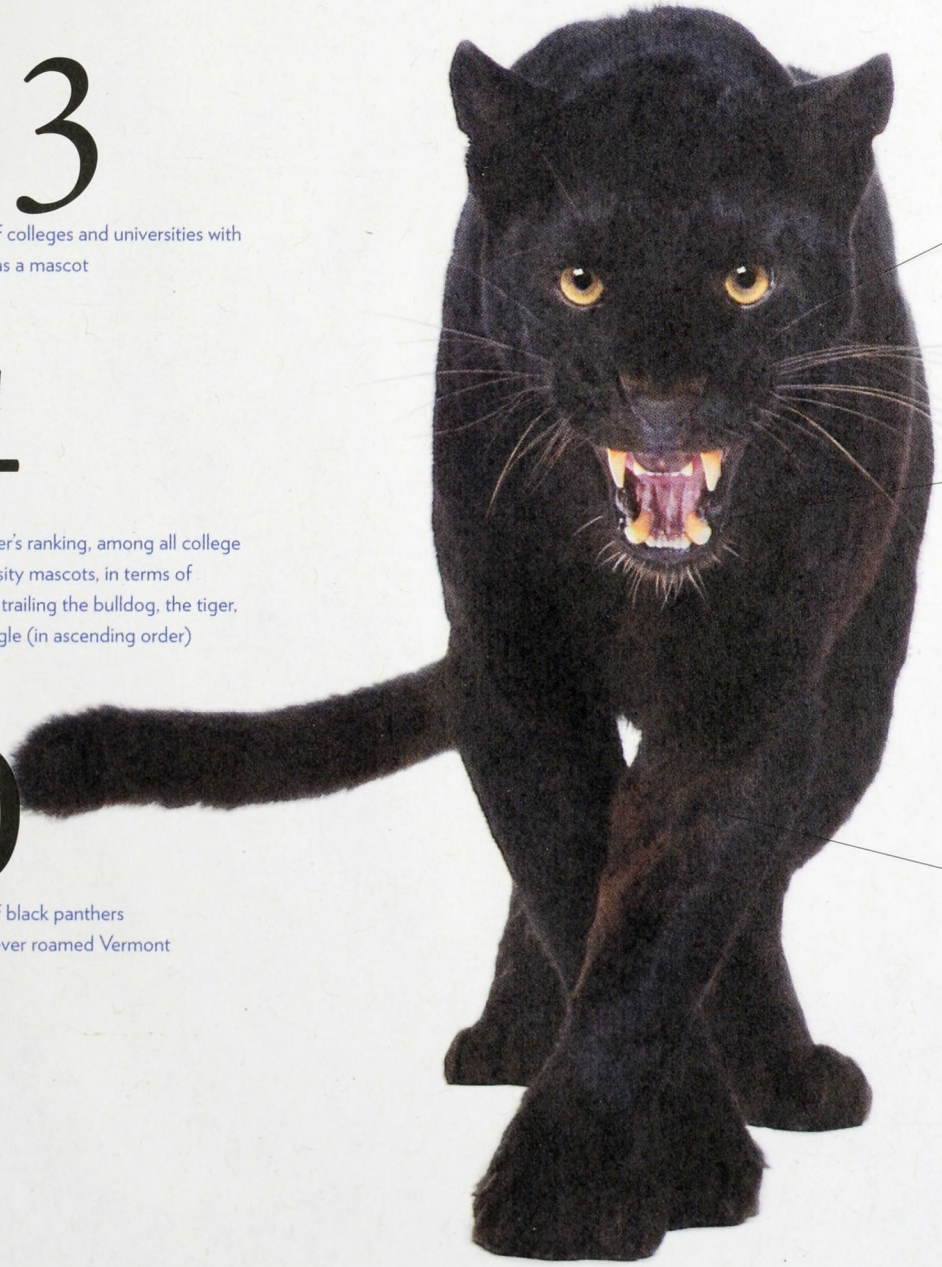
Number of black panthers that have ever roamed Vermont



The Winner Is...
Contest judges Moody, Brown, and Kalin reported that the otter and beaver did not "appeal strongly," and while a feline had merits, not one of the four popular nominations met complete approval. So they came up with their own cat, settling on the black panther of India.

Time for a Change?
A few years ago, Damon Hatheway '13.5 penned an op-ed column in the Campus in which he called for Middlebury to abandon the panther as a mascot and adopt the moose, instead. This idea didn't get much traction.

To catch a glimpse of the Middlebury Panther in action, check out go.middlebury.edu/closepanther.

WHITHER HONOR

With incidents of student cheating on the rise, the economics department started proctoring exams in core courses this semester. Blake Shapskinsky '15 and Kelsey Henry '14 debate whether this is a good idea.

To read Kelsey's and Blake's unabridged conversation, visit middmag.com.

BLAKE: I don't think proctoring exams is the right step, ideologically or in practice. I think cheating will be driven further underground, and I don't see this being a useful deterrent. I had an exam, and the teacher sat in the front with his laptop doing work. How was that effective?

KELSEY: My understanding is that the economics department sees this as a pilot program, a first step, and they'll be getting feedback as to its effectiveness. We agree that the honor code is not functioning, and that's unfair to students who don't cheat, and it undermines what Middlebury is about for the students who do.

Though is that the best approach to fix the problem? We need to understand why students cheat and then incentivize them to stop. You say it's a pilot program, but what if other departments follow the econ department's lead, and then I see a spiral of ineffective measures that never get to the heart of the issue. Rather than policing, I'd rather see a community-wide effort—involving students, faculty, and staff—to really grapple with the issue, to understand the causes and devise incentives for students not to cheat.

We've already tried that. Every couple of years, committees meet to reexamine the honor code and make recommendations to fix it, and nothing seems to work. Meetings are held, and people don't come. I worry that apathy has set in and that this move to try proctoring is because we're running out of options.

I don't agree that we're out of options. Let's make this a big, year-long issue with the understanding that the honor code is at risk if we don't figure something out. I'd rather see this happen than a symbolic gesture that, in my mind, doesn't have a practical effect.

Sure, greater attention would be great, but why not have the pilot-proctoring project be part of that effort? To be effective, we need a credible threat, and I think this is something tangible, something credible. Without it, everything else is just talk.

That's part of the problem, in my mind, I don't see proctoring as a credible threat.

Well, let's see what happens. This project will at least give us data so we can learn if it's helpful or not.

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ART

Until Steve McQueen's Academy Award-winning film *12 Years a Slave* captured the hearts and minds of theatregoers everywhere with its harrowing yet courageous tale of Solomon Northup, few outside of American history scholars knew Solomon's conscience-shocking story of being kidnapped and sold into slavery two decades before the Civil War.

Yet the movie did not tell us about the man who helped free Solomon (though his memoir of the same name did), a New York attorney named Henry Bliss Northup, who was a member of the Middlebury Class of 1829.

Coincidentally, on the eve of this year's Oscars ceremony, portraits of Henry Bliss Northup and his wife, Electa, were donated to the College by descendants of the Northup family. After the paintings are conserved—they were last cleaned in 1946—they will find a new home in the College's Museum of Art.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

To Your Door

Teddy Gold '16, the founder of Otter Delivery, started the business because he needed a screwdriver. Last September, he was building a television stand with his roommates, and they were lacking this essential tool. So his roommate went online and ordered one; the project would wait a day or two until the screwdriver arrived. "I thought that was wrong because there are three or four hardware stores in town," Gold says. "There are two problems here: local businesses are losing money to online, and students on campus love convenience."

Gold pitched and subsequently developed his idea of providing the campus with a local delivery service while enrolled in the winter term course Middlebury Entrepreneurs. At the end of January, Otter Delivery launched with a Facebook page. (The profile picture is of an otter holding a yellow parcel, a blue cape billowing behind it.) Otter Delivery functions as an on-demand delivery service, allowing not only students but also community members to place requests at stores in town and have the items delivered the same day.

"It started slowly," Gold recalls, "but now I have two to three deliveries per day." Drugstore needs and groceries, especially fresh fruit, have been the most popular items. The most unconventional order so far is a specific aged cheese from a farm stand on Sheep Farm Road.

"Students always ask for delivery," says Carolyn Costello, co-owner of Costello's Market in the Marble Works. She says that hiring someone to deliver is not economically feasible for her business, but she loves the idea of Gold's service. "I'm a big local person, and it'll be great if other people shop locally as well."

"I want the service to be available for everyone in town," Gold says. "I've done a few deliveries to the retirement homes. People there love convenience, especially when it's cold outside. Everyone I talked to has been happy about it. It's hard for businesses to do delivery and retailing at the same time, and this will direct the business back to them."

With a newly hired marketing director and his team of Otters (how Gold refers to his friends who help deliver) in place, Gold now hopes to launch a stand-alone website and mobile app this spring.

NUMBERS

Southern Californians love their hamburgers—think In-N-Out or any of the homespun stands that pop up on beach piers or L.A. sidewalks—so it shouldn't come as a surprise that when SoCal native Hunter Merryman '15 enrolled in the winter term course Middlebury Entrepreneurs, his product and service would be run out of Atwater Dining Hall. Merryman's Power Patties—ground beef, green beans, broccoli, peas, spinach, carrots, eggs, breadcrumbs, and shredded cheese—is nearing cult status on campus as a lunchtime special not to be missed.

250
POWER PATTIES SERVED IN TWO LUNCH SETTINGS

60
MINUTES ELAPSED BEFORE ALL PATTIES WERE CONSUMED

3.5
HOURS OF PREP TIME REQUIRED

$1.25
ESTIMATED COST PER PATTY

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PERCENTAGE OF DAILY VEGETABLE DIETARY NEEDS FOUND IN ONE POWER PATTY

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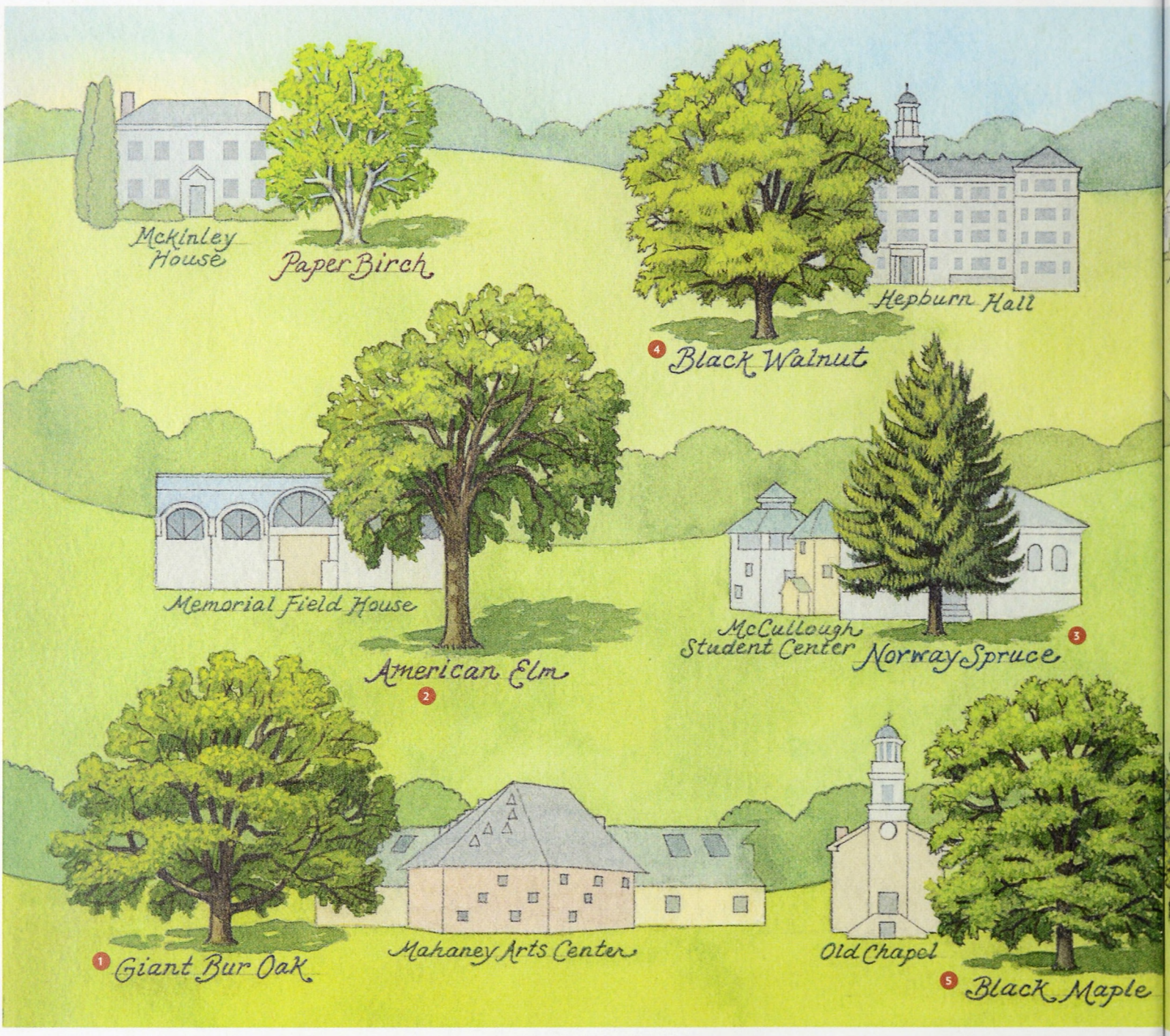

Respect Your Elders

When thinking about the age of trees, says Middlebury horticulturalist Tim Parsons, it's helpful to consider age from a tree's perspective. For a redwood, old age means 2,000 years; yet poplars become well-aged at 40. With this in mind, we chart Middlebury's arbor elders, the grand dames of campus.

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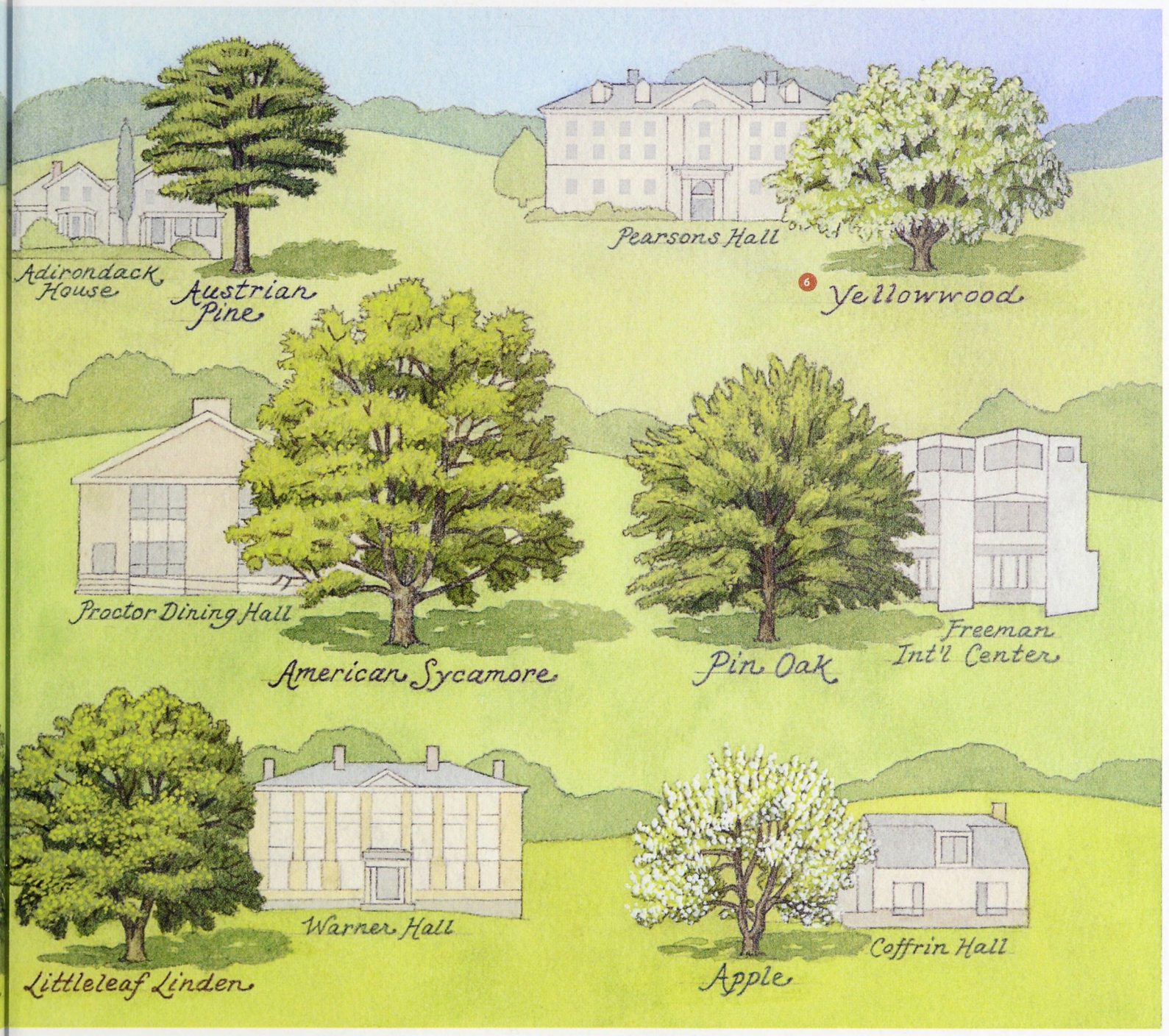

1 ONE GRAND OAK
At 250 years old, this bur oak is the grandest of them all, predating the College itself. Tim Parsons says that oaks like these often served as boundary markers for property.

2 ELM'S STREET
This elm overlooking Route 30 was probably transplanted from the woods 175-200 years ago, part of a rudimentary effort to line the new roads in the young state.

3 WINDBREAKER
Photographs from 1890 show this Norway spruce already mature. It was probably planted as a windbreak to protect the athletic fields that used to be here.

4 THE YOUNGSTER
Parsons tells us that in the right location, black walnuts can live 400 years, making this tree—planted as part of an extensive garden 100 years ago—a relative youngling.

5 THE RELICS
The three black maples are the only remaining trees from the great planting in 1830. At 185 years old, they are nearing the end of their expected lifespan.

6 THE MATRIARCH
The oldest tree, in tree years, is this pretty yellowwood. At 75, the old gal is supported by multiple steel rods, having survived about 25 years past her life expectancy.

INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT LIEBOWITZ

Town & Gown

The town and the college of Middlebury share more than a name. They share a history and a living arrangement that is, in the words of President Liebowitz, inextricably linked. We spoke to him about the current state of this town-gown relationship.

I've heard you say several times that "a strong town makes for a strong College, and a strong College makes for a strong town..."

It's absolutely true. In a small, rural community such as ours, the connection between town and gown is far more intertwined than it would be in a metropolitan center or a suburban environment. When you factor in our history, the attachment becomes deeper. Middlebury College was founded not by an individual, but by a group of people—Gamaliel Painter, Seth Storrs, Samuel Miller, Daniel Chipman—leaders in the community who had a vision of the town of Middlebury as a cultural center in western Vermont. The establishment of the College was a huge part of this vision. Just look at the first line of David Stameshkin's two-volume history of Middlebury: "In the beginning, it was the town's college." We're not named for Painter or Storrs. We're named for the town itself.

OK, let's jump forward a century or two. How has this relationship evolved?

First, it's important to establish the fact that students have been engaged with the community for the entirety of those two centuries that we just jumped over. When students choose a college like Middlebury, they are making a conscious decision about the environment they'll be living in for the next four years. When you come to rural Vermont, when you come to Middlebury, you are joining a local community as well as a college. Since the College's founding, students have been actively engaged in the community, in the life of the town, in the lives of its people. They volunteer in the community. They tutor in the schools. They coach and mentor sports teams. They devise programs that fill community needs. They even run for public office.

What has evolved dramatically is the College itself, and its relationship to the town, and this has had both positive and challenging consequences.

As the College has grown in size and in stature, we've been able to offer more to Middlebury and Addison County. Technologically adroit students are taking projects that they have started in classrooms and in learning environments like our Programs on Creativity and Innovation in the Liberal Arts and are applying them in the community. Just last month came the story of two recent graduates, Nate Beatty '13.5 and Shane Scranton '13, who founded a company

ILLUSTRATION BY BRETT RYDER

here in Middlebury that uses three-dimensional architectural modeling and virtual-reality hardware and software to help architects—and their clients—better envision space during the design phase of building projects.

A company like this isn't happening by accident. These young alums—and others like them—are working out of a local technology incubator, the Vermont Center for Emerging Technologies (VCET), of which the College is a partner. VCET has two locations, one in Burlington and one here in Middlebury. The opportunity for students or recent graduates to incubate their projects locally is just one part of what I believe is an increasingly fertile environment for an entrepreneurial ecosystem that benefits both the town and the College.

Think of it this way: a student comes to Middlebury and studies in our liberal arts curriculum intensely; she engages in an experiential-learning opportunity like the Solar Decathlon; she takes a MiddCORE course in which she is mentored by alumni, Middlebury parents, or local townspeople, and acquires valuable skills; she enrolls in the student-taught Middlebury Entrepreneurs course and develops a proposal for a nonprofit or writes a business plan, which she then pitches to investors; and then, finally, she incubates her project at VCET. All of these parts of a Middlebury experience are conspiring to create an entrepreneurial ecosystem that enriches both the town and the College.

Taking this notion a step further, two years ago the College partnered with the town to create the Middlebury Office of Business Development and Innovation, staffed by a director whose job is to develop new enterprises and grow existing businesses, leveraging the assets of the town and the community. It's exciting to imagine alumni bringing their ideas and businesses back to Middlebury, which would help the local economy and provide more opportunities for students—it would also make the town an even more appealing place to live and work and innovate.

This sounds great, but you also mentioned there are challenges to the town-gown relationship as the College has grown...

It's complicated. Middlebury is a quintessential Vermont village and the shire town of Addison County, an area rich in natural beauty and agricultural resources. Yet nearly 10 percent of the population lives below the poverty line, and the median household income is well below what it costs to attend the College for one year.

Two hundred and fourteen years after the College's founding, we don't look as much like the community as we did two centuries ago. With our $1 billion endowment and students from all over the country and the world—we have twice as many international students as students from Vermont—we have greatly diverged from the town in many ways, which obviously sets the stage for potential conflicts.

For me, it's important to contextualize any criticisms aimed at the College from the town and to understand that despite our differences, we are as entwined as ever, and that it's incumbent upon us to work together.

I know that there are some who would wish that the College would just retreat to its position on the hill and stay out of the town's affairs, but there are far more who appreciate what we bring to the community—financially, culturally, and intellectually. We are and should be partners.

These criticisms that you speak of were evident during the recent debate over a town-college real-estate deal...

Right. For those who don't know, Middlebury residents recently voted to approve a plan in which the town and the College will swap land holdings, and the College will help the town build a new municipal building and recreation facility. The College will acquire the land where the town buildings currently sit, raze the structures, and create a public park in this space. In turn, the town will acquire College land adjacent to the Ilsley Public Library, the College building (Osborne House) currently located there will be moved, and new town offices will be constructed in its place. Further, a new recreation facility will be built on Creek Road off Route 7 south, adjacent to town playing fields. The total cost of the project is estimated at $7.5 million, $5.5 million of which will be contributed by the College.

Some residents opposed this plan, and the vote was close—915 for and 798 against. (*Editors' Note: A petition for a reconsideration of the project has been filed with the town, with a revote scheduled for mid-May.*) People have very strong opinions. They are passionate about the town, and honestly, I see this as a sign of a strong, confident community, whether these sentiments are in line with the College's position or not.

When members of the Middlebury Select Board came to the College with this proposal, I wanted to ensure that we were thinking about ongoing initiatives that would benefit the entire town and not just this one particular proposal (for the new municipal building). That's why we reached an independent agreement in which the College would acquire (from a private entity) and transfer to the town the vacant property on Main Street located along Printer's Alley next to the National Bank of Middlebury; this property will subsequently be razed, creating a beautiful open space on Main Street leading to the Marble Works complex. And that's why we gifted to the town 1.4 acres of riverfront land behind the Ilsley Library. Again, a strong town makes for a strong College, and I believe all these moves will strengthen the town,

These ideas and plans have not occurred in a vacuum. I see these as examples of the College and the town collaborating in a wonderful, innovative way to reimagine what this town can be. In 2007, we formed a partnership with a cultural icon, the Town Hall Theater, pledging $1 million to complete its renovation, while establishing programmatic ties that serve both the community and our students. In 2010, we partnered with the town to fund the new bridge spanning Otter Creek. And soon, one may be able to walk from a new park serving as the gateway to the College, up Main Street past the new bridge and a new, energy-efficient town office building, toward the opening to the Marble Works, with the Town Hall Theater just down the street.

We're very fortunate to be in a position to expand and strengthen a relationship that has already spanned more than two centuries. Our futures—the College's and the town's—are inextricably linked. And I wouldn't want it to be any other way. M

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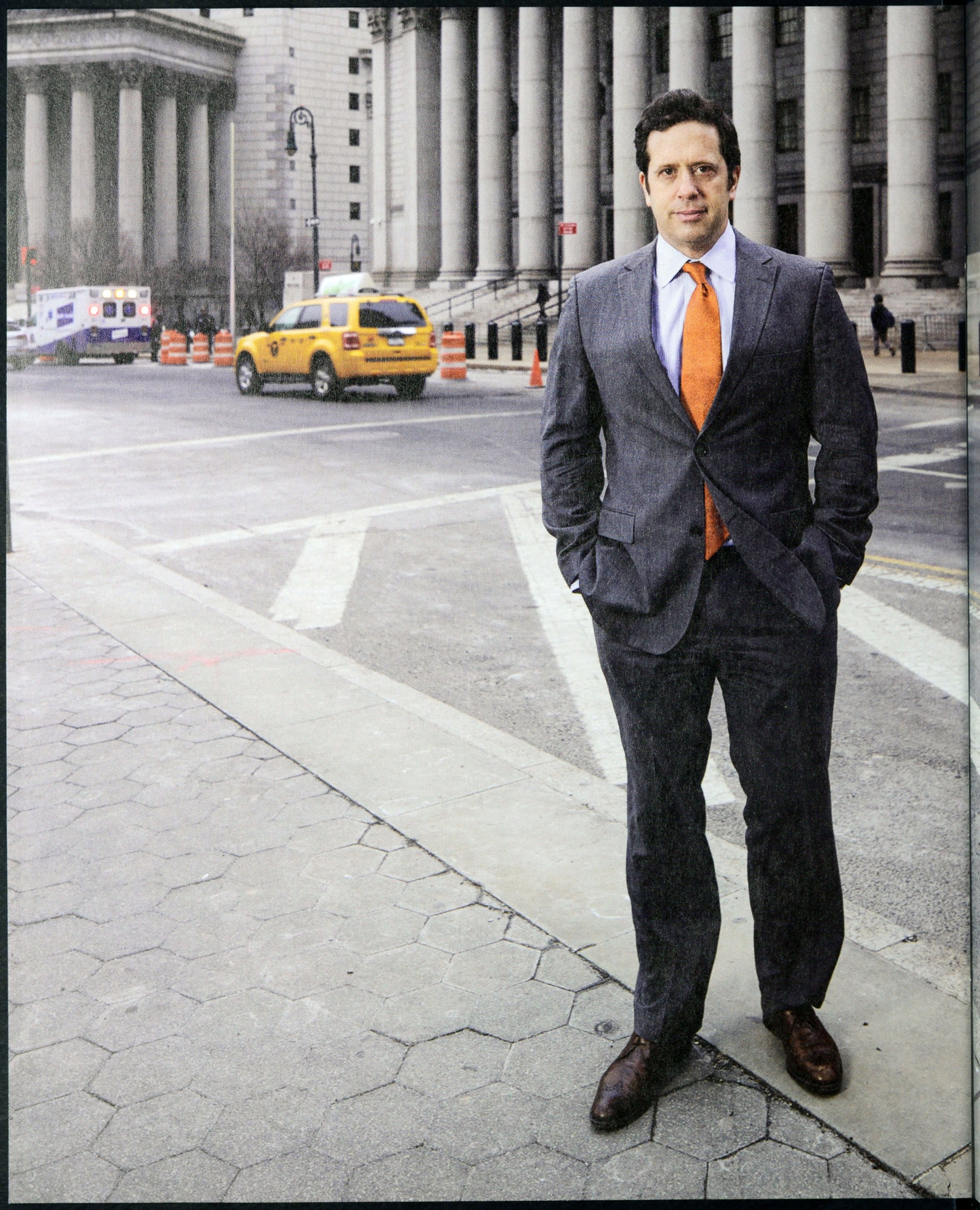

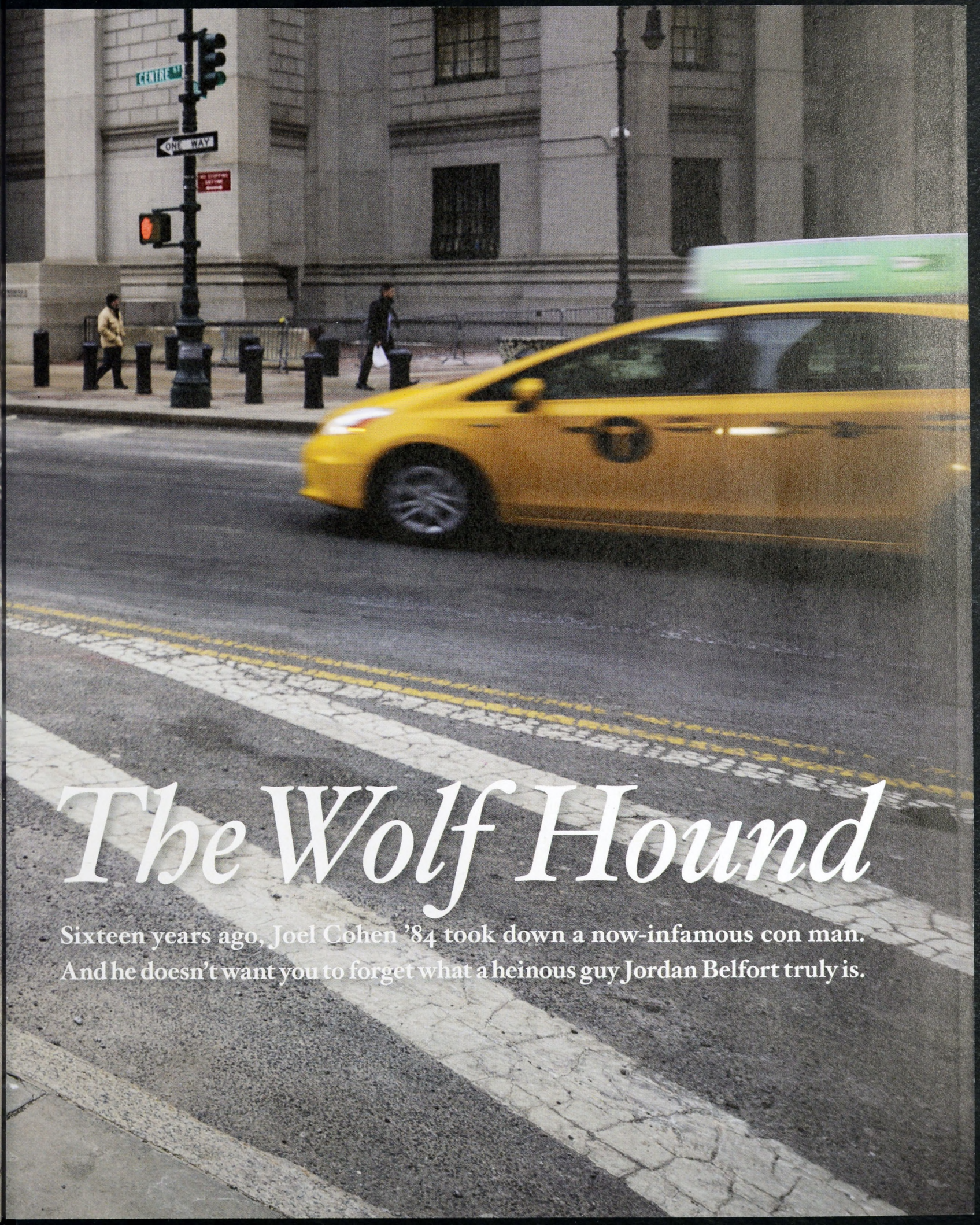

The Wolf Hound

Sixteen years ago, Joel Cohen '84 took down a now-infamous con man. And he doesn't want you to forget what a heinous guy Jordan Belfort truly is.

By Carolyn Kormann '04, *Photographs by Jon Roemer*

In 1997, when Joel Cohen '84 was an assistant U.S. attorney in Brooklyn, he took over his office's investigation of Jordan Belfort, the memoir-writing fraudster who made tens of millions of dollars peddling penny stocks. An FBI special agent named Gregory Coleman had been pursuing Belfort's firm, Stratton Oakmont, since 1992 with a series of prosecutors, but he still lacked the evidence necessary for an indictment. One day, Coleman arrived in Cohen's office and unrolled a 14-foot-long scroll on a table. Coleman had scribbled names, places, dates, and numbers across the paper in colored markers, tracing the outlines of Belfort's criminal enterprise.

"I remember looking at it and thinking, 'What can I do with this?'" Cohen said recently. Then he noticed a few scrawls suggesting that Belfort and his partner, Danny Porush, were laundering their money in Switzerland. Cohen decided that was the lead to follow. "We should try to lop off the head of this organization instead of the feet," he recalled thinking.

The linchpin for the Swiss strategy turned out to be a tattoo-covered drug dealer named Todd Garrett. Coleman had already started investigating Garrett and his wife, Carolyn—a housewife who was investing hundreds of thousands of dollars through an account with Stratton Oakmont. She was making a lot of money. She happened to be a Swiss citizen. Coleman had also heard that Todd Garrett was dealing drugs, specifically Quaaludes, to Belfort and other Strattonites. Coleman then received another useful clue. In 1995, a security guard at a mall in Queens had called the NYPD to report a suspicious meeting. A Bentley had pulled up to a black limousine. Two men got out and started arguing, then one passed the other a black suitcase. When the police arrived, they found Garrett in the limo with the suitcase, full of cash, and a gun. They arrested him for illegal firearm possession and seized the cash, figuring they had busted a drug deal. But maybe it had been something else.

Coleman and Cohen subpoenaed security-camera footage from the mall and got a grainy rendering of the meet-up. "We knew Danny Porush was driving a Bentley, and we figured it was a cash drop," Cohen said. They continued to investigate Garrett's wife and obtained travel manifests showing that she was making frequent trips to Switzerland. The facts suggested that she and Garrett were Belfort's cash mules. The trick would be getting Garrett to talk.

"He wouldn't flip," Cohen said. "We knew his wife was involved; we threatened to indict his wife, and he didn't care. He was a Hells Angel, a black belt in karate. Even with a lawyer and an FBI agent sitting next to you, you think, 'This guy is going to rip my head off!'"

Cohen discovered that they had a trump card. As tough as Garrett looked and acted, he had a weak heart. Some years before, he had contracted a rare virus in Brazil. Now he needed a heart transplant. He was on the transplant waiting list. Cohen did some research and learned that federal prison inmates are not given new hearts. He knew he could indict Garrett for drug dealing—he already had a former Stratton broker who said he had bought Quaaludes from Garrett.

"We told him, 'If you don't cooperate and we indict you and you end up going to jail, you won't get a new heart, and you'll die,'" Cohen told me. "'I'm just telling you the way it is. You want a new heart? Do the right thing, talk to us, and you get a new heart.'"

Garrett cooperated.

One of Belfort's Swiss bankers also cooperated, and the Swiss authorities then came through with some crucial documents. On the Tuesday before the Labor Day weekend of 1998, less than two years after Cohen joined the investigation, FBI agents arrested Jordan Belfort in his mansion on Long Island.

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I visited Cohen at home in Boerum Hill, Brooklyn, in February. He greeted me at the door with his labradoodle, Louie, by his side. Cohen has a genial, direct manner. His house was sunny, warm, uncluttered. There was no trace of the "disheveled . . . world-class bastard with a degenerate slouch"—Belfort's description of Cohen in his second tell-all memoir, *Catching the Wolf of Wall Street*, which recounts the year after his arrest, most of which he spent wearing a wire for the U.S. government.

"I'm all over the second book," Cohen said. "He calls me the bastard about a thousand times. My kids think it's hilarious."

Cohen has two sons and a daughter. Sam, a junior in high school, was reading the paper when I arrived, and Mariana, a seventh grader, was on her way to a cello rehearsal. His wife, Karyn Zieve, an art history professor at the Pratt Institute, stopped in to say hello. The whole family was headed to England in a few weeks to visit Harry, a junior at Middlebury, who is studying at Oxford for the spring semester.

Cohen left the U.S. Attorney's office when Harry was five. Stratton Oakmont was his last investigation for the government. He is now a partner with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, where he represents banks and multinational corporations in financial disputes, insider-trading cases, class actions, and anti-corruption investigations. He has won many awards, a few for his pro bono work. He led a legal team that sued, on behalf of eight immigrant day laborers, the city of Danbury, Connecticut, and the federal government, for racial profiling and arrests without probable cause—a case that resulted in perhaps the largest settlement ever won by day laborers. This summer, Cohen is volunteering for Lawyers Without Borders in Kenya, where he will teach prosecutors and judges how to build evidence in a corruption trial.

Still, Cohen's prosecution of Jordan Belfort has garnered more attention than anything else he's done. He even received an invitation to appear on *Dr. Phil* to talk about Belfort. (Cohen declined.)

Martin Scorsese's film *The Wolf of Wall Street*, adapted from Belfort's first memoir, opened in theaters on Christmas Day 2013. Cohen went to see it over the holiday. He left the theater so angry that he immediately sat down and wrote an op-ed when he got home. He sent it to the *New York Times*, which published it online, under the headline, "The Real Belfort Story Missing from 'Wolf' Movie." The piece quickly bounced around the Web and was widely quoted and shared.

Cohen was mostly frustrated with the film's ending. In real life, Jordan Belfort is out of prison and runs a motivational speaking company. He makes money by charging people to listen to him talk. The movie's last scene portrays these facts, with a camera panning over a stupefied audience at a fictional Belfort event. The twist comes when the announcer who introduces Belfort (played by Leonardo DiCaprio) appears. It's the real Jordan Belfort. Behind him, a large sign advertises Straight Line, the real Belfort's new company.

"Some might think the movie's ending is a cute conceit: putting the artist and his muse together on a stage for a final scene," Cohen wrote in the *Times*. "To his victims, it is beyond an insult. And for anyone who is enticed to pay Mr. Belfort to hear his recordings and speeches, it aids and abets this unrepentant character in possibly duping others yet again."

Cohen told me that there was no cinematic reason for Belfort to appear in the last scene. "OK, so you want to suggest that crime does pay, and Belfort is coming back. So, fine, have DiCaprio do that scene. But why the real Belfort?" Cohen sighed. "You should give cameos to real people who you want to herald and celebrate." Cohen also seethes at the fact that Belfort was invited to the film's premiere.

"Scorsese and the whole project's team might have convinced themselves that they were just telling it like it is," Cohen said. "Shining a light on a dark side of America. In fact, they're really caught up in it. They love it."

After Belfort's arrest in 1998, he was released on 10-million-dollar bail—a good chunk of which he paid with his wife's jewels. The FBI also arrested Porush. In the movie, there is a scene depicting Belfort's first meeting with federal prosecutors. One tells Belfort that the U.S. Attorney's case against him is a "Grenada," meaning that its outcome is as guaranteed as the outcome of the U.S. invasion of Grenada, a tiny island nation, in 1983. Cohen said that such a conversation "never happened," and that "Grenada" was not a term he knew. The evidence against Belfort was solid, however, and Cohen said that the only deal he would cut would require complete and total cooperation. Belfort and Porush would have to plead guilty to all the charges against them. When Belfort balked, Cohen threatened to indict Belfort's wife, Nadine, for money laundering. The threat worked. Belfort became a government witness.

For the next four months, Cohen and Coleman met with Belfort or Porush every day for debriefings. "Most people who commit crimes, they do one or two things," Cohen said. "You meet with them for a few days, and you get the whole story. These were guys who woke up every day and committed crimes." Hence the four months of talk. Neither Belfort

nor Porush (who remained in jail) knew that the other was cooperating. Cohen could therefore ask them both about the same subjects, and thus test their veracity. Belfort's and Porush's wild stories were unlike anything Cohen had heard before, but they matched. The two men seemed to be telling the truth.

In the film, the two crooks' relationship (Jonah Hill plays Porush) is the only one with any heart, despite considerable Quaalude-laced absurdity. This turns out to be fiction. "They were blabbing away against each other," Cohen said. "They relished talking about each other. They relished talking about everybody." The debauchery in the film is, on the other hand, "absolutely true," Cohen said. When he saw the movie, it was like watching "a dream sequence of stuff I lived, because I already knew all the stories. They really did happen." It was everything Belfort had told him during the debriefings: nearly sinking his yacht before being rescued by the Italian Navy; hiring prostitutes wherever he went; crashing his Ferrari while zonked on Quaaludes. Such details weren't particularly relevant to Cohen's mission, which was to indict dozens of other swindlers in Belfort's network. "But we were using him as a witness, and we had to be prepared for everything that would come out in the cross-examination," Cohen said. He meant any defense lawyer's inevitable attempt to discredit Belfort's testimony: "*And tell us about the next day, Mr. Belfort, when you were throwing midgets...*"

By late 1998, Cohen's team was ready to put Belfort and Porush back on the street. Their guilty pleas were a secret, filed under seal, so they could pretend that they were fighting the charges. Belfort would meet people in Manhattan restaurants like Bice, a tony Italian spot favored by his crowd. Porush was sent back to Boca Raton, Florida, where he had been living before he was arrested. They were both still involved in enough criminal activity that many of their associates began to quickly incriminate themselves. Others were more circumspect. In those cases, the informants had to improvise, to come up with stories that would make the target relax.

"Belfort was a great liar," Cohen said. "He had good scams, good ideas. Danny was good, too, and they'd get people to talk. *Those* skills hadn't diminished." Still, Cohen often had to create scenarios for Belfort to use. "That wasn't as much Greg's forte," he said, referring to Coleman. "I'm a good liar," he added. He laughed, explaining, "We had to come up with stories that made sense."

When the FBI works with informants, there is always the chance that they'll break the rules. In *Wolf,* after Belfort pleads guilty, he meets with Porush and passes him a note that says, "I'm wearing a wire. Don't incriminate yourself." This did happen, but not with Porush. The real Belfort passed such a note to his lifelong friend and Stratton broker, Dave Beall. Beall's father-in-law was an adviser and friend to U.S. Senator Alfonse D'Amato, the chairman of the Senate banking committee, which oversees the securities industry. D'Amato opened an account with Stratton Oakmont, through Beall, and turned a significant profit. Cohen had made recording Beall a high priority.

Belfort met with him several times. When the tapes came back, "Beall was saying nothing," Cohen said. "It was weird." After about six months, Cohen and Coleman confronted Belfort. He played dumb at first. Coleman kept questioning him, and then just glared at him, waiting. (Cohen demonstrated the FBI glare for me. "FBI agents are trained to do this," he said, deadpan.) After a few minutes, Belfort started to cry. He confessed to passing Beall the note. He said he couldn't betray Beall. He liked him too much.

"I don't know if he was bullshitting us or not," Cohen said. "We were livid. I wanted to rip up his agreement." But it was too late. They had too many cases going thanks to Belfort's help. So the prosecution decided to charge him with obstruction of justice and to continue using him as an informant.

After a year, Cohen's team had almost reached the end of its list. Not everyone had taken the bait, but Belfort and Porush had gone "cold." Most people would no longer talk to them about anything illegal. It was time to unseal their records and make public the fact that they had been cooperating—what Cohen called "shaking the tree." Some people who hadn't even been on the target list panicked when they heard that Belfort and Porush were informants. They got lawyers and turned themselves in to prosecutors.

Belfort was sentenced to three and a half years in a federal prison camp. He would have faced more than 20 years if he hadn't cooperated. "I was shocked when I heard his sentence," Cohen said. "I thought he'd at least get more than five." The judge, known for rewarding informants, had seen Belfort testify, and was impressed with the extent to which he had helped the government. Cohen was annoyed, but he had moved on to private practice. He later heard how easy it had been for Belfort. "His bunkmate in prison was Tommy Chong!"—of Cheech and Chong fame—"who said to him, 'You should write a book.'" Belfort walked free after 22 months with the memoir that would become *Wolf* already in the works.

COHEN COMES FROM A FAMILY OF LAWYERS. His sister, Debra, was a litigator before her death, in 2001, from ovarian cancer. His father still practices law in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, where Cohen grew up. Now his son Harry is talking about law school. At Middlebury, Joel Cohen studied history—his thesis adviser was John McCardell—and, when he graduated, he was torn between becoming a historian or a litigator like his father. He applied to law school and to PhD programs. The history departments at Harvard and Yale accepted him, but he was steered toward law after meeting fifth-year students at each school who were headed to law school next because they couldn't find jobs in academia. Duke University offered a three-year dual program—a JD and an MA in history—which made his decision easy. After passing the bar, he spent three years at a boutique New York firm and then joined the U.S. Attorney's office.

Looking back on his time at Middlebury, Cohen says that it taught him how to think critically, to question, and to withhold judgment until enough facts develop. "In a sense, I learned more about being a lawyer at Middlebury than in law school," he said.

Cohen is still mad about Scorsese's film. For him, there was at least one edifying aspect of the experience, though. His commentary in the *Times* and elsewhere struck a chord with the public, provoking a lot of criticism of the film. Some of Belfort's victims came forward. "I feel kind of gratified," Cohen said. "It's a very small piece of the world, and I recognize that. But it was good for my kids to see. If you know something about the past and you speak up, you can actually change the dialogue."

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Bishop General Macarius (right), a Coptic Orthodox leader, walks around the burnt and damaged Evangelical Church in Minya governorate, about 152 miles south of Cairo.

Amid the Chaos

Historian Febe Armanios says that Egypt's Coptic Christians have long been considered a forgotten community. However, they are getting a lot of attention now—for the worst of reasons.

By Matt Jennings

When a string of deadly attacks on Coptic Christian churches in Egypt made international news late last summer and into the early fall, there seemed to be as much confusion over who Coptic Christians were as there was over what was happening on the Egyptian streets. Bob Simon, a correspondent for the CBS News program *60 Minutes* articulated as much when he opened a December segment titled "The Copts" with this sentence: "Think of Egypt and the first thing that comes to mind is not Christianity."

Yet as Simon would explain, Coptic Christians are one of the world's oldest Christian communities—and the largest Christian group and largest religious minority in the Middle East, with eight-and-a-half million members representing about 10 percent of the Egyptian population.

Febe Armanios, an associate professor of history at Middlebury, was born in Cairo, and though she emigrated to the United States with her family when she was 10 years old, she has made regular visits to her native country and was raised in the Coptic Church. Armanios, the author of *Coptic Christianity in Ottoman Egypt*, accompanied Simon and a *60 Minutes* production crew to the Middle East when they began initial reporting in early 2013.

About a year after this trip, I visited Armanios in her book-lined office in Middlebury's Axinn Center. The original purpose of the *60 Minutes* segment, she said, was to shed light on the Copts. Two years had passed since the Egyptian revolution, and the minority group was engaged in an increasingly tense relationship with the government of Muhamed Morsi. Yet very little was known about them around the world. As she told Simon in the broadcast, there isn't a lot of awareness of Egypt's role in the Christian story. "It's a forgotten community, as many people have called it."

For the next 45 minutes, Armanios gave me a brief primer on Coptic Christians. Native Christians of Egypt, the Copts split from Chalcedonian Christianity with other Orthodox churches (Armenians, Syrians, Ethiopians) in 451 AD. Copts have always taken great pride in how deep-rooted Christianity is in Egypt—the first Christian monastery was established there, and one of the sites the *60 Minutes* crew visited was an underground chapel where it is believed the Holy Family sought refuge after fleeing King Herod.

Christianity was the religion of the majority in Egypt until about the mid-10th century, but since that time the Copts have experienced a complicated coexistence with the Muslim majority and even with other Christians. Fiercely protective of their identity and loyal to their land and to their ancient form of Christianity, the Copts became largely isolationist, from the 15th century onward. They were suspicious of outsiders, specifically Catholic missionaries in the late 1600s and American missionaries two hundred years later. Internally, they were able to practice their religion, but their position in society ebbed and flowed over the centuries. Until the early 1880s, Copts (like all other non-Muslims) were forced to pay a special "protection" tax and were mostly precluded from holding positions of power. Subsequent reforms would eliminate the tax and would allow Copts to become more integrated into Egyptian society, a movement that coalesced when all Egyptians—Muslims and Christians—opposed British rule early in the 20th century.

When the modern Republic of Egypt was established after the Egyptian Revolution of 1952, the Copts in Egypt returned to a tenuous coexistence with the Muslim majority. Armanios said that during the last 50 years, one can identify waves of Coptic emigration—in the early 1960s, in the late '70s, and then a steady stream during the past 30 years under the regime of Hosni Mubarak. Though Mubarak's regime professed secularism, an easy way to direct attention away from other issues— like, say, a struggling economy—was to blame Copts.

"But the last three years have been a game changer," Armanios said.

As in the other Egyptian revolutionary movements of 1919 and 1952, Copts joined with the Muslim majority to form a united nationalist front in the revolution of 2011, though the Coptic Pope initially urged his followers to refrain from actively protesting for fear of being made scapegoats. Yet after the Morsi government was established, violence against Copts grew. Tensions were rising. Shortly after the *60 Minutes* crew first filmed in Egypt, unidentified extremists attacked the Coptic Cathedral in Cairo, an event the Morsi government failed to condemn. And then on July 3, the Egyptian military announced it had removed Morsi from power. Standing beside General Abdel Fattah el-Sisi as he announced the change in leadership were other Muslim leaders—and the Coptic Pope.

"It was the first time a Coptic Pope had addressed Egyptians at an explicitly political forum," said Armanios. "And it was on live television."

A visible fury ensued across Egypt. "Some people think of Christians as having a secondary status, so they became an easy target," Armanios said. Angry mobs burned homes, shops, and churches. The Copts were being blamed for conspiring to overthrow Morsi. Then, in August, after Egyptian police and military cleared two Muslim Brotherhood camps, killing close to 1,000 people, the retaliation against Copts was fierce. More than 40 churches were destroyed in just a couple of days. *60 Minutes* returned to Egypt for more reporting—this time without Armanios—as the story they had started eight months earlier had taken a dramatic turn.

Sitting in Armanios's office in early 2014, with violence against Copts still a weekly occurrence, I asked her if this was the greatest persecution Coptic Christians had faced in their 1,600 years of existence.

"That question might be moot," she replied. "The violence is real." Whether it's worse or not as bad as at other times in history may not be the point, she said. She talked about the burgeoning alliance between Copts and other Egyptians and wondered if this could lead to a more pluralistic and democratic country in the years ahead. "Maybe," she said. "But it is to be determined."

To see the *60 Minutes* segment on the Copts of Egypt, visit www.cbsnews.com/news/the-coptic-christians-of-egypt/.

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44 Ideas, Inventions, Discoveries & Creations that Middlebury *(and Its People)* Have Given the World

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Why 44? No reason. We just like that number. As David Wolman '96.5 so aptly asserts in his cover essay "The Big Idea(s)," this is far from a comprehensive collection (though we disagree with his contention that it's *criminally* incomplete). We save the criminality for our feature story "The Wolf Hound," found on pg. 34.

Have you ever tossed a Frisbee? Seen *The Vagina Monologues*? Used a handy GPS device to find your way? Then Middlebury has had an impact on you beyond the four years you or your offspring spent at the College. All three are examples of Middlebury ingenuity that find a place on our list of 44 ideas, inventions, discoveries, and creations that Midd and its people have given the world. Of course, this isn't all about you. We purposefully included the grandiose designation of the world as the beneficiary of Middlebury's determination and know-how. After all, you might not have personally benefitted from the discovery of the headwaters of the Mississippi, but society sure did. ¶ So dive in—and let the debate and discussions begin.

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1. The First African American College Graduate
If you don't know this fact about Middlebury College, you certainly should: Alexander Twilight, Middlebury Class of 1823, is universally recognized as the first American black college graduate.

Born in 1795 in Corinth, Vermont, Twilight spent much of his childhood and adolescence as an indentured farm worker. (While slavery was prohibited in the Green Mountain State after 1777, children could be indentured as a form of apprenticeship, a practice exploited by businessmen and farmers to virtually enslave black youth until they reached adulthood.) Having gained his freedom at the age of 20, Twilight spent six years of accelerated study at a grammar and secondary school in Randolph, Vermont, before applying to and being accepted by Middlebury.

Now, here's where things get a little confusing. Twilight was of mixed race and had a fair complexion—and it is believed that when he was admitted to Middlebury, no one knew he was black. "Throughout his lifetime, we cannot find evidence to suggest that he identified as black," Bill Hart, an associate professor of history, recently told the *Middlebury Campus*. Yet why was he indentured until the age of 20? And why did an 1800 census for the Twilight family list "all other free persons except Indians not taxed by the government," phrasing that Hart explained could mean "free blacks, unaffiliated Indians, or mixed race people." Many believe that the phrase referred to Twilight's father, also of mixed race. After he died (or disappeared, no one is quite sure) when Twilight was young, all subsequent censuses referred to the Twilight family as "white."

"[Alexander Twilight] neither embraced nor rejected his racial identity," Hart told the *Campus*.

Two decades later, in 1845, Middlebury accepted for admission Martin Henry Freeman, a black applicant from nearby Rutland. Unlike Twilight, Freeman identified as black, and his admission to Middlebury was well publicized.

A century and a half passed before Alexander Twilight was officially recognized as the country's first African American college graduate. It's believed that collegiate rivalry played a part in this revelation. Following the American Civil Rights movement, folks at Amherst College posited that Amherst grad Edward Jones, Class of 1826, was the nation's first black graduate. Middlebury historians suspected differently. Alexander Twilight was a storied alumnus, well known as one of Vermont's pioneering 19th-century educators, as well as a powerful state legislator. Over the decades, Twilight's race was referred to anecdotally, specifically in his hometown of Corinth and his adopted town of Brownington; a letter to the editor of the *Burlington Free Press* in 1949 refuted the newspaper's claim that the citizens of the state

had elected the first black man to the Vermont legislature—"Not so, that would be Alexander Twilight from Brownington," wrote a woman from Newport. But there was no proof to back up this claim, until the Middlebury historians discovered and produced the 1800 census.

We did some digging of our own and discovered that the *Middlebury College Newsletter*, the precursor to this magazine, had covered Twilight over the years, notating his accomplishments as an educator and politician. We found feature stories written about Twilight in 1936 and 1959; neither mentioned his race. This was not the case in the spring of 1974 when the only existing photograph of Twilight was featured on this magazine's cover, with the cover lines "Alexander Lucius Twilight, Class of 1823: The First Black American College Graduate."

2. The *New York Times* Style Section

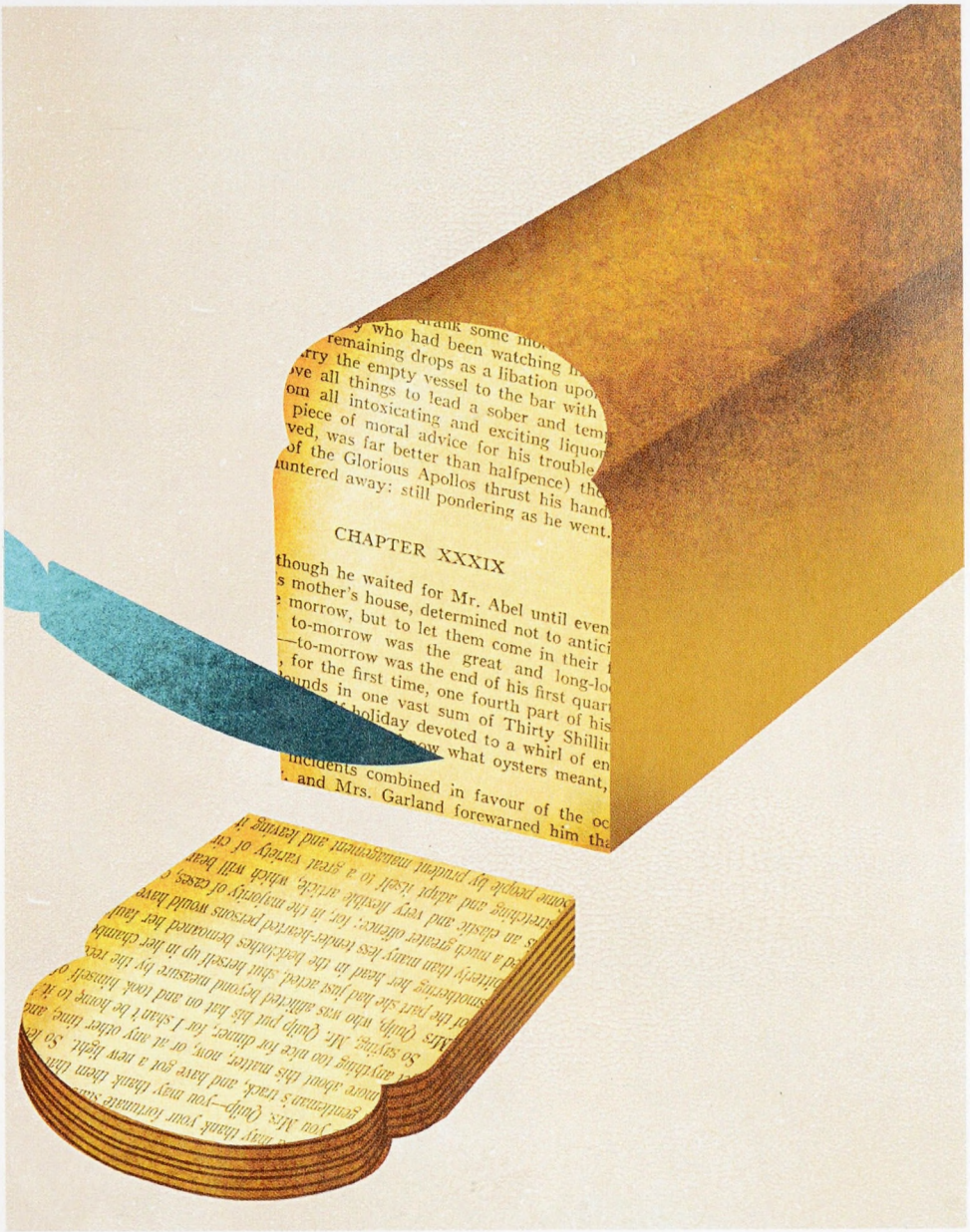
Style aficionados can thank journalist Trip Gabriel '77 for this section of the *New York Times*, once an occasional Sunday feature, now with stand-alone sections on Thursday and Sunday. Gabriel led "Style" for 12 years, overseeing its expansion and assembling its extremely talented writing collective.

3. The Frisbee

Yalies may shun us for saying this, but the world can thank a few Middlebury Delta Upsilon frat boys for the "invention" of the Frisbee. Legend claims these five Midd Kids were the first to have thrown the Frisbee, in the form of a discarded pie plate from the then-well-known Frisbie Pie Company. The boys made this epic toss while changing a flat tire in Nebraska, en route to a national fraternity conference.

Technically, the practice of throwing a disc in athletic competition dates back to the first Olympics in 776 BCE. Several colleges believe their students were the first to toss a non-stone Frisbee: Yale states undergraduate student Elihu Frisbie first flung the pie tin in 1820, while Princeton, Dartmouth, and Amherst also stake claims.

Despite counter stories of the game's invention, Middlebury is the only college to host an honorary "Frisbee Dog" on campus. The bronze statue of a dog leaping to snatch a disc permanently resides outside Munroe Hall; it was created by Patrick Villiers Farrow of Castleton, Vermont, and gifted to Middlebury in 1989. Fact or fiction, we know Farrow drew inspiration from the long-lasting Frisbee tradition on Middlebury's campus, continued today by the Middlebury Pranksters, 2013 Ultimate Frisbee National Champions.



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Bread Loaf Writers' Conference

Few places evoke reflection so keenly as Green Mountain National Forest in Ripton, Vermont, home of America's oldest writers' conference. Sited among 30,000 acres of forest willed to Middlebury College by Morgan horse breeder Joseph Battell in 1915, the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference has convened annually since 1926.

Robert Frost was first inspired to establish the "Conferences on Writing" upon visiting the idyllic Vermont setting. Writers Willa Cather, Katharine Lee Bates, and Louis Untermeyer all encouraged a late-August conference when the School of English at Bread Loaf was vacant; Middlebury College agreed. Since, Bread Loaf has welcomed innumerable reputable authors, the tradition continuing today with a two-week summer session for known and developing writers, students included.

5. The New Balance Running Shoe
Jim Davis '66 didn't found New Balance, but he has made the American footwear and apparel company into one of the world's largest—and most respected. When he purchased the company in 1972, New Balance employed six people; it's now a 4,000-employee global corporation with annual revenues topping $1 billion.

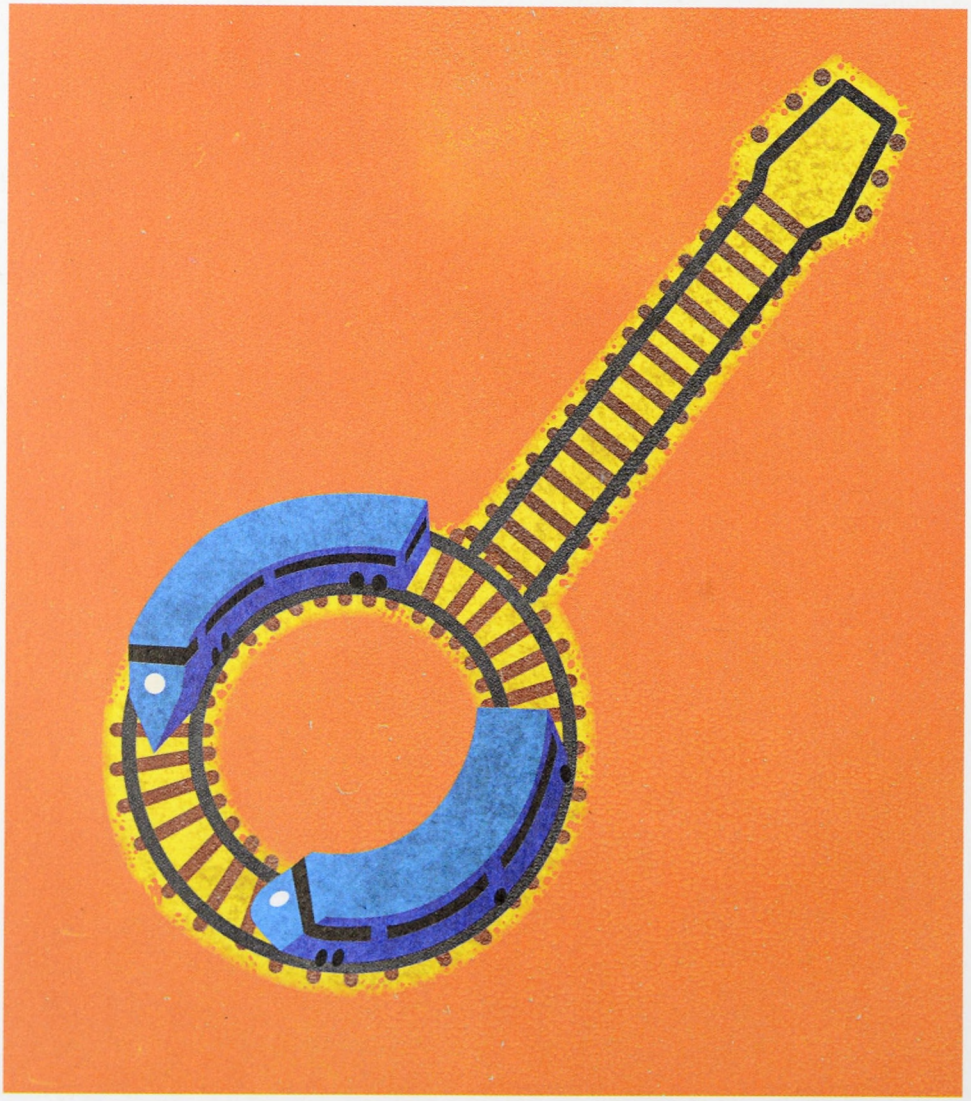
6. Polymer Cable Sheath
Until the 1940s, telephone cables were insulated with a lead-based coating that was expensive, extremely heavy—and toxic. So when Field Winslow '38 and his Bell Labs colleagues Walter Lincoln Hawkins and Vincent Lanza found a way to stabilize polyethylene and create a plastic cable insulation that was both durable and cost-efficient, universal telephone service went from a dream to a reality.

7. A Carbon-Neutral Ski Area
Dreamed up by a group of students in an environmental economics class, the idea of making the Snow Bowl carbon neutral became a reality when Middlebury purchased carbon offsets from Charlotte-based NativeEnergy in 2006, converting the Snow Bowl into the first carbon-neutral ski area in the United States, as confirmed by the National Ski Areas Association. It has maintained carbon neutrality every year since. Following Middlebury's lead, the 2013 U.S. Alpine Championships at Squaw Valley ski resort offset its carbon footprint and became the first carbon-neutral professional skiing event in the U.S.

8. Global Positioning System
Can we actually claim that the world would be lost without Middlebury? Perhaps. That's because Middlebury alum Roger Easton '43 is the principal inventor and designer (along with Bradford Parkinson and Ivan A. Getting) of the Global Positioning System—the satellite navigation system known universally by its initials: GPS.

Immediately following his graduation from Middlebury, Easton began working at the Naval Research Laboratory, where he developed TIMATION (a blend-word for "time" and "navigation") for the Naval Air Systems Command. Timation provided both accurate positions and precise time to observers. Every GPS satellite now in orbit uses the fundamental principals of the Timation system, which has an unlimited user size. The system was used in four experimentally launched satellites over the course of the 1960s and 1970s, the last of which was the first satellite to transmit GPS signals.

Easton also headed the design team that built



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Banjo Signal

The railroad switch invented by Middlebury graduate Thomas Seavey Hall in 1869 saved innumerable lives, warranting his induction to the Inventors Hall of Fame in 2007. The 1860s and 1870s were decades of frequent train casualties due to conductors' inability to effectively communicate. After witnessing such accidents, Hall grew determined to invent improved signals to better alert train engineers of the presence of oncoming trains and alert travelers crossing railroad intersections. In 1869, Hall was issued a patent for a switch designed to alert train engineers of the presence of another train on a stretch of track by using electromagnetism to display a sign shaped like a banjo, Hall's favorite instrument. Later, Hall weatherproofed the banjo switch by encasing it in a watertight enclosure to ensure proper functioning in ice and snow.

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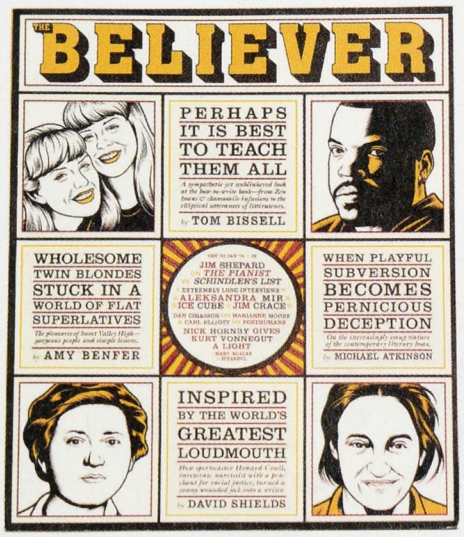

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the Vanguard I satellite, the country's second, and now oldest, satellite in space, launched in the spring of 1958. Easton also conceived of the Naval Space Surveillance System, an electronic fence—still in operation—that detects all satellites crossing the southern United States. Easton was justly inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in 2010. In 1996, the Naval Research Laboratory announced the establishment of a new award, the highest civilian distinction for engineering achievement, named for Easton.

10. *The Believer*

First published in April 2003, *The Believer* is a literary magazine edited by Vendela Vida '93, Heidi Julavits, and Andrew Leland. Published by McSweeney's, *The Believer* has been described as a "utopian literary magazine" and "highbrow but delightfully bizarre," which is probably why we love it so much. Charles Burns illustrates all of the covers and Nick Hornby, Greil Marcus, and Amy Sedaris are regular contributors.

11. Headwaters of the Mississippi River

After studying geology and mineralogy at Middlebury College, Henry Rowe Schoolcraft became one of America's most dedicated explorers in the early 1800s. Schoolcraft led various expeditions in his native Missouri between 1818 and 1822 before being appointed superintendent of Indian Affairs in the Michigan Upper Great Lakes region by the federal government.

Schoolcraft's most notable achievement came a decade later, in 1832, when he discovered and named the "primary source" of the headwaters of the Mississippi River, Lake Itasca, in what is now Minnesota. While it is acknowledged that later explorer Jacob Brower was able to push a little higher up to Elk Lake, thanks to a better flow level, history's decision is indulgent of our alumnus, allowing him and Brower to keep their own crowns.

12. The Self-Inflating Tent

Shunning the cubicle life after graduation, Cam Brensinger '98 started his own outdoor equipment product design firm: NEMO Equipment (originally, New England Mountain Equipment). After graduating from the Rhode Island School of Design in 2002, Brensinger began his company's first line of products: self-inflating tents, the first of their kind.

After two years, Brensinger perfected NEMO's AirSupported Technology. Tents using this technology have no poles, no fly, and no moving parts. Users employ small hand or foot pumps or a breathing tube to quickly and easily "inflate" the tent into a stable form; pressurized air inside high-tech fabric creates the tent's sustainably stiff infrastructure. NEMO and the self-inflating tent met immediate and continuous success, including placement in *Time* magazine's "most amazing inventions" issue in 2005.

13. 350.org

This international environmental organization was founded by Middlebury Schumann Distinguished Scholar Bill McKibben and then-students Phil Aroneanu '06, May Boeve '06, and Jamie Henn '07 in 2008. Since then, 350.org (the number corresponds with the atmospheric CO_2 parts-per-million threshold that scientists believe a livable planet cannot exceed) has grown into one of the world's most influential environmental groups, with a global network active in nearly 200 countries and the most widespread day of political action in the planet's history to its name.

14. New Dawn High School and Library

Kennedy Mutothori Mugo '12.5 has always perceived education as a gift to be re-gifted, rather than a means of personal advancement. In 2006, before attending college, Mugo, a native of Kenya, cofounded the New Dawn Educational Center, a high school in the Huruma slums of Nairobi that was designed to educate children otherwise unable to attend merit-based or private schools. Rather than giving up on this highly impoverished, HIV- and crime-ravaged community, Mugo saw potential in its youngest members, motivated by Ropo Oguntimehin's famous statement, "Education is a companion which no future can depress, no crime can destroy, no enemy can alienate it and no nepotism can enslave." The school thrives today, providing residential education to approximately 160 impoverished or orphaned youth, and receives community support as a beacon of change. Mugo taught math and chemistry at the school until matriculating at Middlebury in 2009.

Mugo returned to Nairobi during the summer of 2012 with 12 Middlebury students to build a new library for the school, in collaboration with the Huruma community. The Middlebury group received a prestigious Davis Projects for Peace grant, and after raising $25,000, they were able to successfully construct the library; provide books and school materials; and conduct various musical, mural painting, and athletic workshops for local students.

15. An Intact Capitol Building—When the Nation Needed It Most

With the fires of a Civil War being ignited in the United States in 1861, a new building to house the U.S. Congress stood half built in the capital city of Washington, D.C. By February 1862, construction, which had started 12 years earlier, had been halted for nine and a half months. Yet a quiet move was made to restart construction on a half-built building that was serving as a symbol for a struggling nation. It was Vermont Senator Solomon Foot, Middlebury Class of 1826, as president pro tempore, who introduced a Senate resolution calling for Capitol construction to be transferred from the Corps of Engineers to the Department of the Interior.

The resolution passed in both houses with fewer than 10 votes in opposition. Construction was resumed that April.

16. Broad Street Maps

Conceived as a 2012 MiddStart project, Anna Clements's and Hannah Judge's organization Broad Street Maps is now internationally recognized for its work equipping grassroots health organizations with open-source mapping techniques to visualize and improve their services. Through individualized mapping projects in which they collect spatial data and combine it with existing health information to produce maps, Hannah and Anna (both '12.5) enable small health organizations to observe the geographic distribution of their problems, and hence enact more effective, targeted services. In 2013, they completed a project in Peru, won the Schiller Cup for Entrepreneurship, and were chosen as finalists for the ITU Young Innovator Competition in Bangkok, winning $10,000.

17. The Language Schools

In 1915, Middlebury opened a German language school, becoming the first institution to employ a full-immersion-based approach to language instruction and acquisition at on-campus summer schools. Middlebury now offers intensive instruction in 10 languages (with an 11th school, Korean, set to open in 2015) during six-to-nine-week sessions. Middlebury is also the only institution to offer a Doctorate of Modern Languages, preparing teacher-scholars in two modern foreign languages.

The lifeblood and registered trademark of Middlebury's Language Schools is the Language Pledge. The Pledge, upheld since the 1920s, binds students to use their target language exclusively through the summer; you speak English, you leave. Incomparably intense and effective, Middlebury's immersion-based language instruction has transformed thousands into true global citizens.

18. *In The Time of the Butterflies*

Picking any one title from the Julia Alvarez '71 canon to serve as her seminal work seems an impossible task; still, we believe *In The Time of the Butterflies* is the Dominican American author's most influential work. The novel documents the lives of the Mirabal (code name "The Butterflies"), martyrs who founded the underground resistance cell movement in the Dominican Republic during Rafael Trujillo's dictatorship. Captivating prose stems from intimate ties, as the secret police cracked Alvarez's father's resistance cell, forcing her family's escape in 1960. The novel also inspired a 2001 feature film starring Salma Hayek and Edward James Olmos.

19. Vic Mackey

Badass LAPD detective Vic Mackey (portrayed by actor Michael Chiklis) was undeniably corrupt, but relentlessly entertaining as the protagonist of the hit television drama *The Shield*, which ran on FX from 2002–08. Television show producer Shawn Ryan '88 dreamed up Mackey and the world he inhabited, giving television viewers seven seasons with an anti-hero who ranks right up there with Walter White, Tony Soprano, and Dexter Morgan as fictional creations we hate to love.

20. Skida

Corrine Prevot '13 began making hats out of fun fabrics while a student at Burke Mountain Academy in 2007. During her time at Middlebury, demand for her colorful chapeaus bloomed, inspiring her to devote herself fulltime to the hat-making business after graduating in 2013. With its headquarters in Burlington, Skida is devoted to local production in northern Vermont and also supports chemotherapy patients by donating one hat to their respective cancer centers for every order submitted.

21. Dexter Morgan

Speaking of Dexter Morgan, this forensic analyst by day, serial killer of bad guys by night is also a Middlebury creation, sprung from the mind of novelist Jeff Lindsay '75. In a 2011 profile in *Middlebury Magazine*, Lindsay told us that the idea for Dexter came to him while attending a mind-numbing Kiwanis luncheon in South Florida. The room was filled with real

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Self-Reliance

In 2011, Middlebury College became the first undergraduate liberal arts college ever selected to compete in the U.S. Department of Energy's Solar Decathlon. The Solar Decathlon is a prestigious biennial international competition challenging 20 collegiate teams to design, build, and operate solar-powered houses that are cost-effective, energy-efficient, and aesthetically pleasing.

Team Middlebury consisted of 100 students from more than 25 academic disciplines—think psychology, environmental studies, economics, as Middlebury, unlike most of its competitors, offers no graduate architecture or engineering programs. In true Vermont fashion, the team designed and constructed Self-Reliance, a solar-powered 21st-century farmhouse for the 2011 competition. Self-Reliance placed fourth overall, won the communications contest, and now serves as on-campus student housing. Team Middlebury competed again in 2013. Their house, InSite, impressively placed eighth overall.

estate brokers, car salesmen, bail bondsmen, and "they're talking and shaking hands—totally phony, annoying behavior—talking with food in their mouths, la la la la, handing out their business cards, and the idea popped into my head that serial murder was not always a bad idea."

Lindsay has written seven novels with Dexter Morgan as the protagonist. A television series based on Lindsay's first Dexter novel aired on Showtime for eight seasons.

22. Personal Finance

Jane Bryant Quinn '60, a financial journalist, has been doling out personal finance advice for more than 40 years, empowering millions of Americans to take control of and better understand their financial lives. One of the codevelopers of the financial planning software Quicken, Quinn wrote columns for *Newsweek*, Bloomberg.com, *Good Housekeeping*, and the Washington Post Writers Group, while also commenting for CBS, PBS, and ABC.

23. Muggle Quidditch

Inspired by the fictional sport created by J. K. Rowling in her *Harry Potter* book series, Muggle Quidditch was born at an Atwater lunch table in the fall of 2005. A group of Middlebury students, led by Xander Manshel '09, were bored and looking for something fun to do on a Sunday afternoon. That October, the first Quidditch match was played on Battell Beach, and a month later a seven-team tournament was held. Two years later, a group of Vassar students wanted in on the action and showed up on campus for what would be dubbed the first Quidditch World Cup. Since then, the sport has been featured on television (MTV), in international newspapers (*Wall Street Journal*), and on the silver screen (*The Internship*), while expanding well beyond Middlebury. The 2011 World Cup was held in New York City's Randall's Island, with 96 teams participating. In 2012, teams

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True Love!

Mathematician Chris McKinlay '01 was a PhD candidate at UC Berkeley when he hacked the online dating site OKCupid and reverse engineered its matching algorithms to find the girl of his dreams. He's written a book about the effort and was recently profiled in *Wired* magazine. And yes, he's now engaged to the woman he met through his hacking efforts.

from Australia, Canada, France, the U.K., and the U.S., traveled to Oxford, England, for the first truly international Cup. Teams must now qualify, in regional tournaments, for the World Cup, and last year's winner was the first team not to come from Middlebury.

The University of Texas captured the 2013 crown; to commemorate the title, the university illuminated its iconic Main Building, an honor traditionally given to recognize NCAA conference championships.

26. Dispatch

UVM may claim Phish, but we've got our own acoustic-funk music phenomenon. Brad Corrigan '96, Pete Francis '99, and Chad Urmston '98 formed the band Dispatch when they were students in the late-90s, redefining reggae-infused rock with albums such as *Bang Bang* and *Four-Day Trials*.

Though they officially disbanded in 2002, the group has staged frequent reunion shows, including three in 2007 that sold out Madison Square Garden. Reunion tours have subsequently reoccurred over the past three years, leading one to surmise that Dispatch is as busy or busier "in retirement" than it was during its first go around.

27. Superconducting Tape

Among other things, Mark Benz '56, a chemistry major while at Middlebury, is the inventor of a strong and highly flexible superconducting tape, which is the basis for commercial superconducting magnet systems. Mark is also the coinventor of General Electric's process for making the world's strongest permanent magnets. He holds 31 U.S. patents in the development of superconducting materials, spray-forming methods for super alloys, refractory metals, and high-temperature composites.

28. *The Vagina Monologues*

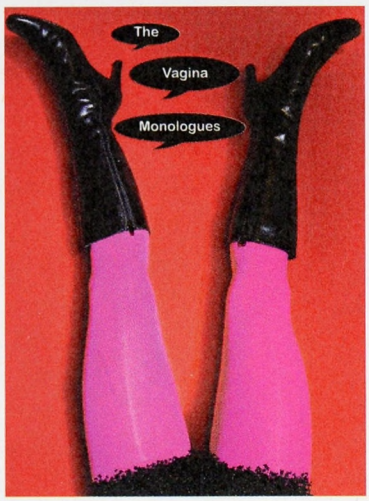
Many Middlebury grads take creative risks, but few are quite as provocative as Eve Ensler's play *The Vagina Monologues*. Breaking taboos to advocate feminism and voice the realities of female sexuality and abuse, Ensler '75 interviewed 200 woman in the mid-1990s, asking, "What would your vagina say if it could talk?" The interviews touched on themes such as sex, love, rape, menstruation, female genital mutilation, masturbation, birth, and orgasm: femininity, as experienced through the vagina.

Ensler wrote the first draft of the play in 1996, the same year it won an Obie Award for Best Play after opening in New York City. The episodic play consists of a series of monologues read by various women (originally Ensler performed all monologues), inspired by the 200 interviews she conducted. All monologues expose normally clandestine aspects of the female experience, recurrent themes including the vagina as a means of female empowerment and an embodiment of individuality. Since its debut, the play has been translated into 35 languages and has been performed worldwide.

29. *Seven Days*

For those who see no future in print journalism or who have signaled the death knell for alternative newsweeklies, we point you toward *Seven Days*, the Burlington, Vermont-based alt-weekly that is the talk of the industry.

Founded by Paula Routly '82 and Pamela Polston in 2000, *Seven Days* was recently talked up by James Fallows of *The Atlantic* ("Strange Days in the North Country: A Profitable Print Newspaper") and is thriving as part of a media company (Da Capo Publishing) that also includes a parenting magazine, an airport magazine, a restaurant and entertainment guide, a city guide, and a technology career fair. And having a bunch of Midd alums, in addition to Routly, on the newspaper's masthead (Don Eggert '98, associate publisher and creative director; Xian Chiang-Waren '11, staff writer;



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Kathryn Flagg '08, staff writer; Sarah Tuff '95, contributing writer) only increases our level of admiration for the lively pub.

30. Seeds of Peace

Seeds of Peace is a youth organization that brings young leaders from areas of conflict—across the Middle East, South Asia, Cyprus, and the Balkans—to its international camp in Maine, where they confront their prejudice and tackle the issues at home with each other and professional facilitators. Founded by the late John Wallach '64, Seeds of Peace also provides regional programs to support its graduates, known as Seeds, once they return to their home countries.

31. Ice

Alexander Catlin Twinning, professor of mathematics, civil engineering, and astronomy at Middlebury from 1839 to 1849, went on to invent a machine that could manufacture ice in commercial quantities.

32. Danforth Pewter

Fred Danforth '72, a direct descendant of an influential metalsmithing family of the 18th and 19th centuries, revived the family tradition with his wife, Judi Danforth, when he established Danforth Pewter in Middlebury in 1975.

Although drawn to the abstract concepts found in philosophy as a student, Danforth learned that physical activity freed his mind. Over the next 39 years, the business has grown from a two-person shop to a company with national distribution.

33. Hawkeye Pierce

Captain Benjamin Franklin "Hawkeye" Pierce, MD, the *M*A*S*H* protagonist made famous first by Donald Sutherland in the Robert Altman feature film and later by Alan Alda (above left) in the long-running television series, owes his existence to W. C. Heinz '37 and H. Richard Hornberger.

Heinz and Hornberger, writing under the pseudonym Richard Hooker, coauthored *MASH: A Novel about Three Army Doctors* in 1968. Using outrageous humor to capture the absurdity of war, the book introduced characters such as Pierce, Trapper John McIntyre, Radar O'Reilly, Lt. Col. Henry Blake, Father Mulcahy, and others who would all appear on the silver screen and television sets for the next two decades.

34. "I'll Be Home for Christmas"

This holiday classic, made famous by Bing Crosby, was written by James Kimball Gannon, Class of 1924. Gannon actually left Middlebury after his freshman year, but he thought so fondly of his time at the College that his will stipulated that 21 percent of annual royalties generated by this song be donated to Middlebury.

35. 826 Valencia

At 826 Valencia Street in San Francisco, California, tucked between a cooperative art gallery and a zakka shop, stands a pirate supply store. And like any good pirate shop, treasures can be found if you know where to look. The crown jewel of 826 Valencia is a writing lab—one that just may be the most innovative and influential writing lab ever created.

Drawn from the creative minds of educator Nínive Calegari '93 and writer Dave Eggers, 826 Valencia has evolved from a small writing center for underserved kids into a nonprofit organization with seven other chapters found around the United States.

With different storefronts, such as Space Travel Supply Co., Robot Supply and Repair Store, and the Boring Store, each branch of 826 similarly serves as the writing and tutoring center for local students, helping them explore their creativity and improve their writing skills. By 2011–12, the centers had served more than 30,000 students and 900 teachers.

36. School of Leadership, Afghanistan

Cofounded by Shabana Basij-Rasikh '11, SOLA is a nonprofit educational institution serving a new generation of Afghan women in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Today, women constitute more than 50 percent of Afghanistan's population, yet the existing education system has not met their needs for a generation. In 2007, only 6 percent of Afghan women aged 25 or older had ever received a formal education; and only 12 percent of women aged 15 or older were literate.

Students at SOLA receive academic, financial, and personal support to study at competitive schools abroad. SOLA also helps returning graduates to secure public and private sector opportunities in Afghanistan.

37. The Best Tradition in College Sports

As Rick Reilly, then a columnist for *Sports Illustrated*, so aptly wrote in 2003: "The best college tradition is not dotting the *i* at Ohio State. It's not stealing the goat from Navy. Or waving

the wheat at Kansas. It's Picking Up Butch at Middlebury College."

"Butch" is Butch Varno, the Middlebury man with cerebral palsy who has been a fixture at Panther football and basketball games for more than 50 years. The tradition of "picking up Butch"—a description with both literal and figurative meanings—began on one snowy late-fall day in 1960, when Middlebury student Roger Ralph '63 encountered Varno's grandmother struggling to push her grandson's wheelchair down a slushy sidewalk following a football game. Ralph stopped his car, offered his assistance, and drove the two home. Before the next game, he returned to the Varno household to pick Butch up. And students—basketball players for football games and football players for hoops contests—have been doing so ever since.

Following Reilly's column, the world was given entrée to a story that has been part of the Middlebury narrative for quite some time. Picking up Butch has now been the subject of an Emmy Award-winning ESPN documentary, a *Boston Globe Magazine* story, and a *CBS Sunday Morning* feature.

38. *InStyle*

In 1993, while overseeing day-to-day operations at *People* magazine, publishing executive Ann Williams Jackson '74 began working on *InStyle*, a new spin-off celebrity-lifestyle publication

An English major at Middlebury, Jackson joined Time Inc. in 1977 as a financial analyst. She climbed the corporate ladder, working at *Money* magazine, *Sports Illustrated,* and then *People*. As the founding publisher of *InStyle*, Jackson helped launch one of the most successful fashion magazines found on newsstands today.

39. The Ability to Track that Asteroid Hurtling Toward Earth

A planetary scientist and manager of NASA's Near Earth Object Program at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Don Yeomans '64 was named one of *Time* magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World in 2013—for a very good reason. Dubbed the "Asteroid Hunter" by *Time*, Yeomans is the guy who will raise the alarm if the shattered remnant of a planet is getting a little too close for Earth's comfort.

40. The Legislative Teller

Enos Stevens, Middlebury Class of 1838, was a tinkerer and American inventor with several inventions to his name. He devised a system of musical notation and created an apparatus for automatically recording atmospheric changes. Yet the Stevens invention we choose to highlight here is the legislative teller, a mechanical vote counter, which was used in the United States Congress in 1856.

41. Documenting the Downfall of a Dictator

In 1970, Sandra Burton '63 became the first woman to be named a correspondent for *Time* magazine. Thirteen years later, she was the first reporter to tell the world of the assassination of Benigno Aquino, who was mounting a political challenge to Philippine dictator Ferdinand Marcos. Far from ending the nascent democratic threat, Marcos's death order hastened his demise. Aquino's widow, Corazon, picked up the mantle and subsequently defeated Marcos to become the democratically elected president of the Philippines.

42. Sustainable Jungle Bliss

Tamara Jacobi '06.5 wrote the business plan for the Tailwind Jungle Lodge in a J-term course and then promptly moved to Mexico after graduation to put her plans into action.

A year later, she was hosting her first guests at Tailwind, a collection of sustainably designed bungalows, *palapas,* and *casitas* perched on five acres of dense jungle ridges, which drop to secluded white-sand beaches. In 2009, Tailwind became the first certified sustainable eco-lodge in Mexico.

43. Winter Carnival

With its founding in 1923, Middlebury's winter carnival holds claim to the oldest student-run carnival in the nation. Ski races, snow-sculpture contests, fireworks, concerts, bonfires, and the annual winter ball are all indispensable parts of this 91-year-old tradition.

44. The Ben and Jerry's Cow

You know that iconic image, right? That painting of the black-and-white Holstein cows scattered about a green pasture, a blue sky, dotted with white marshmallow-shaped clouds? The image found on every Ben and Jerry's pint or truck or retail store? That's the work of Woody Jackson '70.

This now-trademarked image, the black-and-white Holstein, made its debut in a 1974 show at the College's art gallery, a show called simply "Cows." In 1983, Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield commissioned Jackson to create the design for their young ice cream company.

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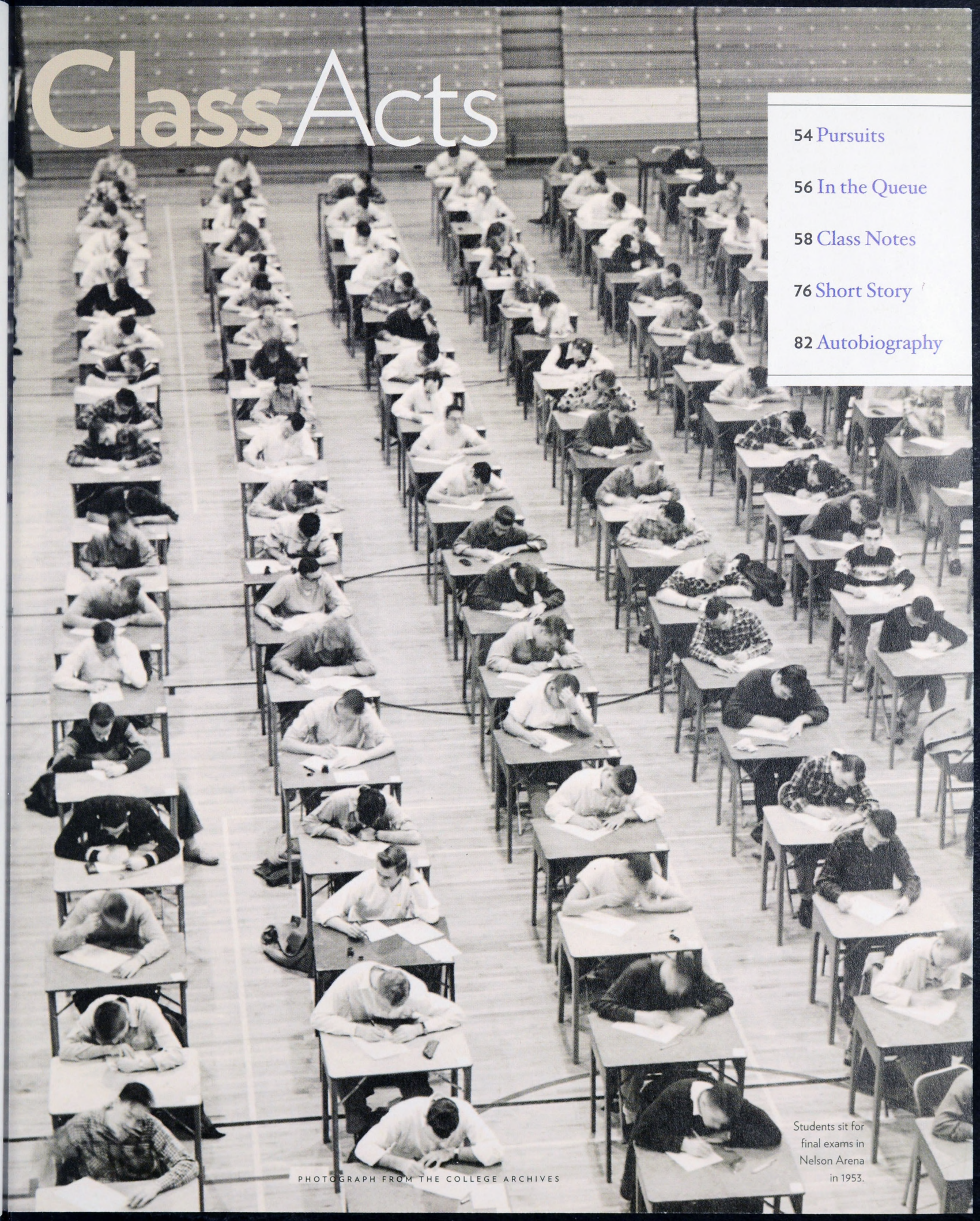

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Students sit for final exams in Nelson Arena in 1953.

By Catherine O'Neill Grace '72

Sing Along

Blunt little sneakers that light up when you dance are *de rigueur* at a Vanessa Trien '91 show. So are pink tutus, OshKosh overalls, and diminutive Red Sox caps. The Saturday morning crowd at the Sheehan School in Westwood, Massachusetts, leaps and twirls and sings along as Trien and her band, the Jumping Monkeys, lead them through kindergarten favorites like her songs "Tickle Monster" and "Bubble Ride."

Trien, who lives in Brookline, Massachusetts, with her husband and her children, aged five and nine, didn't set out to be a "kindie" celebrity, but she's getting there. (Kindie is independent music for kids.) The singer-songwriter and music educator was a regular on the robust Boston folk scene, performing at iconic small venues like Cambridge's Club Passim. But the crowds of big people were small—until she released her first CD of songs for small people in 2006.

"I had my first CD release at Magic Beans, a children's store in Brookline, and people were lining up outside. It was a much bigger crowd than I ever would get for a folk show," Trien says. "People are looking for kids' music, and over the past few years a kindie music scene has developed—it's a national scene, with a lot of people doing this music. Brooklyn's the hot place, but New England is great too."

Trien began dedicating her work to children's music after her son, Ellis, was born. Since then, she has recorded and released three CDs of kindie music—*Hot Air Balloon, Carnival Day,* and *Bubble Ride*. Her work has won three Parents' Choice Awards and five songwriting awards from the Mid-Atlantic Song Contest. She laughingly says her reputation is "semi-national," with write-ups in *Parenting* magazine and *School Library Journal,* and a national distributor for her CDs.

Trien says she loved performing for adult audiences as a folksinger, but her life as an artist really came alive when she started performing for children. "There are some people who feel connected with kids and can communicate with them well and be on their wavelength—and it turns out I am one of those people," she says. "There is such an immediate, visceral response from an audience of small children. They're not just in their heads—they're up and dancing and singing along. And the parents are interacting with the kids, and they're learning together and sharing music as a family—it's so vital!"

Two years ago, Trien began teaching as a music specialist for the Brookline Early Education Program (BEEP). With BEEP, she's working with Brookline Access TV to develop programming and songs for an early childhood literacy TV program, *Bee Bear Book Club*. She also recently cowrote and arranged two songs that will be used in two short music videos on the national website www.education.com as part of its kindergarten math curriculum.

Trien now has a booking manager—something she never had as a folksinger. "She's been getting me out more," says Trien, who has played in New Hampshire, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Virginia, as well as all over Massachusetts (and at her Middlebury reunion).

"I want to make another CD," she says. "Within the next five years my goals are to record more and have more national recognition. I have a few themes that I want to hit on. As my kids get older and have more complicated feelings, it's not just about jumping and spinning anymore, but also about the complicated feelings kids have as they get older. I want to write about that."

Meanwhile, back in Westwood, the audience is getting restless. Time for the celebration parade song! One of the Jumping Monkeys climbs off the stage to lead a crocodile of kids around the auditorium, and Trien turns to her drummer. "Take it away, Rico!" M

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PARALLELS

FIRST GUITAR

"My dad gave me a Christmas present of an acoustic guitar, which I brought up to college during my sophomore year. I started messing around on it and singing and playing guitar for my friends. Then I went to Costa Rica on my junior semester abroad and met a Costa Rican bandleader from the band Cantoamerica, who became my guitar teacher. It was both a discovery of a whole new culture and of my love of songwriting and performing. I wrote my very first song while there, called 'Pleasure Dome,' and performed at my very first open mike night at a café in San Jose."

GIVING BACK

"In the summer of 2013, my Jumping Monkeys band kicked off a brand new outdoor children's concert series in Newtown, Conn., that was put together by a Newtown parent to keep up the spirits of the community after the Sandy Hook shooting. It was one of the most moving experiences of my life to perform for the Newtown families. In honor of Newtown, I just wrote a song on the piano called 'Circle of Friends,' about helping one another and how an act of kindness can come back around. One of my best friends from Middlebury is from Newtown and many of us used to spend great times together at her home by a lake, so to return to Newtown in this way is very meaningful to me."

LALA

"In 2012 I began teaching early childhood music classes in Brookline, which meant meeting over 200 new students. I had never done much with puppets but I fell in love with this puppet at a local toy store and thought it would be a great way to engage the kids immediately and get them to sing along with the puppet. I named her Lala and she helps with warm-up songs and movement. If I forget to bring Lala out, the kids remind me!"

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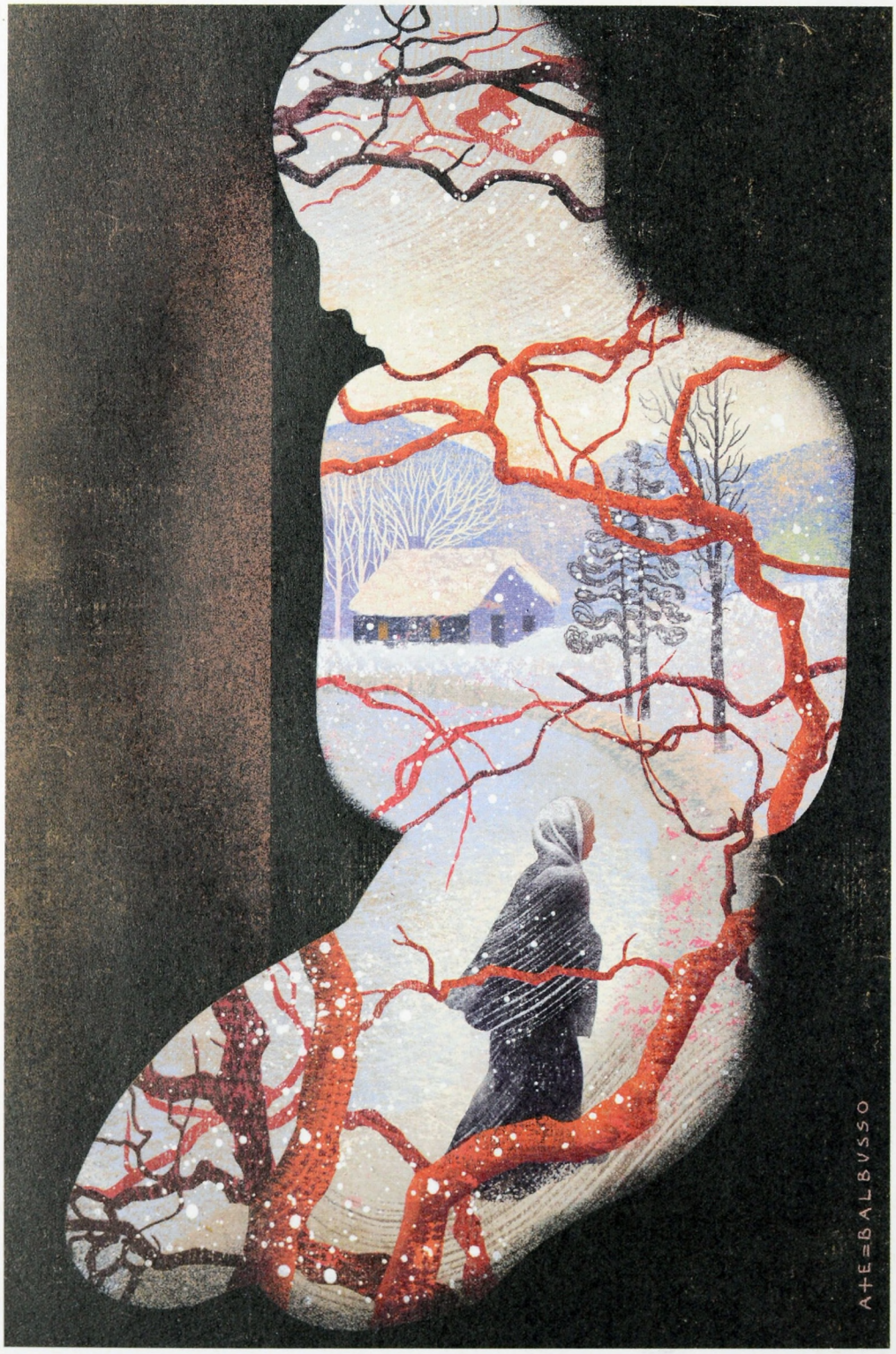
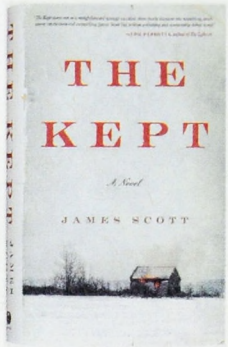
BOOK REVIEW

Mother's Sins





Does a person's past linger on to haunt her present? Elspeth Howell has spent her entire life worrying about that.

By Regan Eberhart

"Elspeth Howell was a sinner." That is the first sentence of the widely praised inaugural novel, *The Kept,* by James Scott '99. And that sentence is at the heart of Scott's story about a wife and mother of five who has a deep, personal flaw that has not only shaped her life but also caused havoc from which she and one of her children may never recover. Her flaw and the sins it led to are slowly revealed as the story unfolds. At once a mystery and a revenge tale set in 1897 in upstate New York during a grueling, seemingly endless winter, *The Kept* ensnares the reader and does not let go.

The novel begins as Elspeth, a midwife who has been away working, returns to her remote, isolated homestead. Nearing the house, she notices there is no smoke coming from the chimney, which tells her instantly that something is wrong. On the porch, she finds the slaughtered body of her youngest daughter, and inside, three other children shot dead, and her husband lifeless in bed.

All have been murdered—except 12-year-old Caleb, who hid during the massacre. He and his mother must survive several severe hurdles before they can leave their home and head out across fields of deep snow to seek help—and the killers. Caleb wants revenge. Elspeth fears that her sins are being repaid.

Mother and son trek to a lakefront town, where Elspeth's past begins to resurface. She rents a room and seeks a job. Caleb, with his sights set on finding the killers, goes to the one place in town he thinks really bad people would be likely to go—a brothel. He gets a job helping with the chores and general cleaning—sweeping the floors, washing the sheets—while he watches and waits for his family's killers. Thrust quickly into manhood in these grim surroundings, Caleb begins to unravel the truth about his

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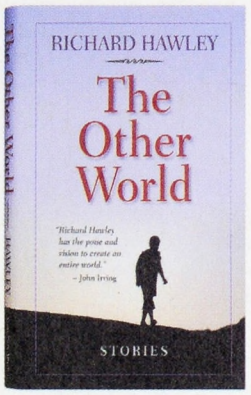
family and his mother. The town is populated by rough, brutal people living hard lives—everyone existing on survival's razor edge. And the long, brooding winter, with snow and cold that never let up, accentuates the difficulties.

Scott raises complex questions about what constitutes a family, or heroism, or higher purpose, or self-determination. Elspeth's sins drive her. Her family was built around them. Could she have lived any other way? Did she have control over how her life turned out? With masterful use of flashbacks, Scott paints an intricate portrait of a complex family with secrets layered within secrets.

The Kept is a wonderfully written, mysteriously revealed narrative, and while the lives it describes are difficult and painful, they are also admirable for their gritty determination. M

EXCERPT

Caleb's body wasn't in the house. She hadn't been able to think—her head pulsed and thudded with her heartbeat—but gaining some clarity in the familiar itch to move, to do something, she rushed to find him, skidding on the shells, catching herself on the doorframe. In the moonlight, the bodies of her children existed only as shadows. She picked her way across the living room and the kitchen and out into the cold again. Through the howling of a wind that burned her face and a falling blanket of snow she called Caleb's name. The barn crouched in the dark, somewhere under the pines. Without the full glow of a lively home to guide her, she wasn't sure of finding her way there, much less back. The moon had been lost to the storm. She walked as far as she dared, one foot in front of the other, until her legs finally gave out and she slipped and called his name again. Had Caleb survived, she thought, the barn would be lit; the bodies wouldn't be in such a state.



A Boy's Life

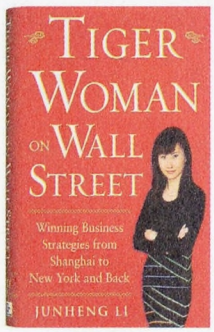
By Sara Thurber Marshall

It's not an easy task for an adult to tell a story through the eyes of a child. Capturing a boy's thoughts and feelings as he experiences his interactions with his parents, other children, animals and nature, or life situations can be a challenge for the older writer, who often has lost the sense of wonder, curiosity, hope, and vision of "the other world" that a child possesses.

Yet Richard Hawley '67 successfully unfolds the story of Jonathan Force in *The Other World,* convincingly developing Jonathan's voice from his first memory of Christmas at age one to the day he leaves for college. The time frame moves from the end of World War II through the 1950s, when the experiences and adventures a boy can have give him a chance to explore the secret worlds of childhood, attics and basements and tunnels under the school, always empowered by imagination and a lively spirit. Yet at the same time, he faces the realities of a father who cracks him in the head for childhood mistakes, the limitations of realizing dreams as he tries to climb up the outside of a house, the anguish of junior high when the main thing he does is try not to feel bad. As Jonathan says, "There are times when your life gets small and you can hardly remember the other world."

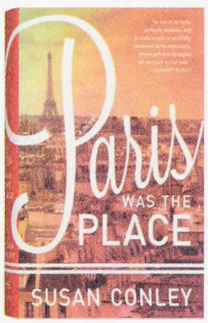
Throughout each of the stories that unfold in the novel, Jonathan captivates the reader with his very genuine reflections on growing up and his detailed observations of society and his part in it. Through his eyes, one can almost recapture the other world of childhood. M

EDITORS' PICKS

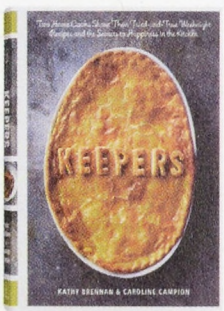


JUNHENG LI
Tiger Woman on Wall Street
The perfect Chinese tiger daughter, Junheng Li '00 has written the story of her rise in the global business world and has included savvy knowledge about finance and investing, particularly in China's economy.

ALPENGLOW
Solitude
Alpenglow, begun in Middlebury by Peter Coccoma '12, Graeme Daubert '12, Elori Kramer '13, and Kenneth Root, has released its remarkable debut album.



SUSAN CONLEY
Paris Was the Place
In her first novel, Susan Conley '89 explores the meaning of belonging, through family, friends, and place, when her protagonist moves to the City of Light.



CAROLINE CAMPION
Keepers
Coauthors Kathy Brennan and Caroline Fennessy Campion '95, former editors at *Saveur* magazine, offer their tried-and-true weeknight recipes, what they call "keepers."

ClassActs

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It is with regret that I report the death of **Jack Cridland** last July 22 and the death of **Eleanor Barnum Gardner** on January 8. Our condolences are extended to their families. It pleases me to reflect on the memory of Eleanor's and my being able to represent our class at Convocation for our 75th reunion. The cheering and the tapping of Gamaliel Painter's canes were overwhelming.

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REUNION CLASS I propose the formation of a Middlebury award for the graduate who has danced with the most movie stars. It would be a Middlebury Oscar. I would submit myself as a contestant. I danced with four—Merle Oberon, Kim Novak, Ginger Rogers, and Debbie Reynolds. I was in Mérida, Mexico, where they were shooting a movie starring Merle Oberon. There came a time in the movie when they wanted someone to dance with her in a ballroom scene. The dance was a waltz. No Mexican could volunteer, as they could not waltz. I had been invited to dance in the ballroom scene. My partner had suggested that I volunteer since I could waltz. I did. Later the movie opened in New York City on 59th Street. After the movie there was a reception and I danced with Ginger Rogers, Debbie Reynolds, and Kim Novak. Let us see if any graduate danced with more stars. • I received a nice letter from **Dorothy Korb Carter**, who lives in Newport, Vt. She says she is still quite active. She will not be coming to our reunion, as she cannot drive that far. I will try to arrange transportation for her with another classmate in Vermont. • I woke up the other morning with a Middlebury song in my head. "March down the field fighting for dear old Midd. UVM may fight to the end but Midd will win." • **Frances Barrett Johnson** writes, "Among my favorite memories of Middlebury is walking up Chapel Hill at sunset and hearing the chapel bells pealing. I loved singing in the Glee Club concert tours. I liked the idea of chapel at 10 a.m. when the student body met for announcements and inspiration from Rev. Moody."

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Susan Temple sent the sad news that her father, **Ken Temple**, passed away on September 30 at the age of 95. He had an impressive career in the field of research of geomicrobiology and was a longtime professor of microbiology at Montana State Univ. While doing his postdoctoral work at West Virginia Univ., he did groundbreaking studies on sulfuric acid runoff from coal mines, discovering and naming the organism responsible, *Thiobacillus ferrooxidans*. As he said, "I worked in many soft coal mines, often becoming familiar enough to pick up a lamp and hop in the first empty coal car alone, in blatant violation of federal regulations." He did mining geology research in Australia and research about bacterial leaching related to mining in England. He also did research in Montana and Yellowstone National Park. For fun he called square dances for 20 years and he and his wife had a square dance orchestra when they were young. He and his wife were bridge partners and also enjoyed many outdoor activities. He's survived by three children, five granddaughters, and two great-grandsons.

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Correspondent **Margaret Shaub** reports: I collected many responses to my letter to you about the book, *Those Angry Days,* and several were published in the winter column. More are printed here: **Howard Hasbrouck** recalls the many bull sessions he and others had with Karl Herrmann, the German foreign exchange student, our freshman year. Karl was a Nazi through and through and there was nothing anyone could say or do to change his mind. "We learned from him that Hitler indoctrinated the young people from kindergarten and up. The other recollection I have is when President Moody announced during chapel service about the Nazis taking over Austria—the Anschluss—in 1938. We were all wondering which country would be next. Sad days." After graduation Howie received "greetings" from the draft board and was inducted in July 1941. "After basic training in the infantry, I was transferred to the military police and was stationed at various locations in the States. I was in Cincinnati long enough to marry the young lady I met on a blind date in November 1942. We were married in April 1944. In March 1945 our outfit was shipped to China and we were there until December 1945." He extends best wishes to all his classmates. • **Marie Stockmayer Boltz**, who left Midd in 1940 to attend Katharine Gibbs School in New York and became the secretary to a patent attorney, writes, "I'm afraid I wasn't much aware of the seriousness of the situation in 1939–40. I remember one acquaintance who declared, if he was drafted, he would be a conscientious objector. Apparently I didn't approve of this as I crossed him off my list. I remember, of course, the Lindbergh situation and I was very disappointed in the behavior of one who had been everybody's childhood hero. There was also a faction that claimed Roosevelt was helping the Jewish cause because he wanted their votes in the next election. Basically the war did nothing for or against me. That's not to say that I wasn't affected by losses of friends or past schoolmates later on. My husband became a commissioned radar officer, but he was assigned to train and instruct and to create the material for the instruction of others." • **Merritt Garland** recalls that after graduation he was accepted to Tufts Medical School, but having no money he had to delay admission. However, since the Army badly needed physicians, he was inducted as a second lieutenant in the Army Medical Administrative Corps and placed on inactive duty, working as a psychiatric aide at the Hartford Retreat in Connecticut. By September 1943 he was able to resign his inactive commission and be inducted as a private in uniform and enroll in the Army Specialized Training Program, graduating in three years as an MD. While working at the Hartford Retreat, he met his future wife and they married in December 1943 in Hartford. "Jack and **'Westie'** (**Helen West Burbank**), **Charlie** and **'Packy'** (**Ruth Packard Jones**), and **Bud Curl** all happened to be able to attend. Jack was on inactive status, training at Hartford Hospital, Charlie (in his PFC uniform), my longtime roommate and fraternity brother at Midd, was also in medical school. He was best man. Bud, in his Air Force uniform, was headed for active duty in the Pacific." Merritt concludes, "The GI Bill, which paid for continuing education for veterans who had been on active duty before August 1947 paid to support me through all my residency training from 1949 through 1952. Not 'Angry Years' for me!" • **Barbara Wells** writes, "I was an only child, two years younger than most of my classmates, and a day student at Middlebury. I had no relatives whose lives would be directly affected if the U.S. became involved in a war. My plans for a job after graduation were dependent on finding work I could do not far from my Middlebury home. Teaching was one possibility. Taking the opportunity to study for a master's in biology while employed by the College as an assistant in the biology laboratory classes for two years seemed wise. I did this. As a result, I was employed in 1943 as an instructor in biology by Skidmore College." • I (**Shaubie**) recall that after graduation I, like a number of classmates, opted for secretarial school, specifically Katharine Gibbs in Boston. Never shall I forget the day in typing class when the teacher asked for our attention and announced that enemy planes had been sighted two hours out of New York and we were all to go home immediately. So my plans were not interrupted by the war but were surely influenced by it when I went to work at the MIT Radiation Laboratory in Cambridge, Mass. The ambiance was stimulating and made us keenly aware we were indeed contributing to the war effort.

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I was pleased to receive a message from Marion and **Roger Arnold** recently. Roger says hello to the Class of '42. They have been to a good many reunions but no more. "It is too hard to see the 'old faces' and wheelchairs." Roger says he uses a walker to get around. They have lived in Devon, Pa., for 50 years. • I must report to you that we have lost two more classmates. **Mary Clough Johnstone** died September 11, 2013. In the records Mary was listed as the owner of an antique store in Woodstock, Vt. • **T. Holmes "Bud" Moore** died on August 18, 2013. Bud graduated from New Hampton School before entering Midd. After three years he enlisted in the Naval Aviator Program and ended up flying scout planes off battleships, achieving the rank of senior aviator and receiving the Navy Air Medal. In the meantime he had married Norma Jean "Jinga" Smith, daughter of the then-headmaster at New Hampton. He returned to Midd in 1945 and after graduation he landed a job teaching at New Hampton. In 1959 Bud became the headmaster and served until he retired in 1992. When I talked to Bud about a year ago he told me he kept busy as a member of Board of Trustees as well as on the board of four banks, but his eyesight was failing so he could no longer drive.

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Correspondent **John Gale** reports: Ruth and **Phil Backup** lamented the weather in early December in Oregon where five inches of snow were interfering with their golf. Phil reports that they're both well and enjoyed a five-week stay in Hawaii last fall with much-enjoyed golf and socializing. • **Roger Easton**'s wife Barbara says that Roger is being well cared for in the "extra care" section of Wheelock Terrace nursing facility in Hanover, N.H. He is able to get to the dining hall by wheelchair for meals, with which Barbara is able to help him since she also has a room at the Terrace and spends time with Roger each day. Barbara observes that he doesn't speak much but when he does, the content is intelligible. She is well and continues her knitting of woolen apparel, both to sell and for gifts. She mentioned that a book entitled *GPS Unclassified*, written by their son Richard and Eric Frazier, has recently been published, including Roger's role in the GPS development. (Read more about Roger on page 46.) Roger would probably appreciate cards from his classmates. • With regret we report the death of **Page Ufford** on September 22, 2013, at the retirement home in Coatesville, Pa., which he and his late wife Doris had moved to 15 years ago, where Page served on numerous committees and led evening vesper services for many years. Page grew up in Middlebury and earned a BS from Midd and one in chemical engineering from MIT. He served in the Marine Corps and was then employed by DuPont. After some years of traveling to set up new plants around the world, he was based in Newark, Del., at the home office of the engineering dept., until his retirement in 1984. • **Ted Peach** now spends more time next door at son Jeff's house, sometimes staying overnight there, which may explain why it's sometimes difficult to reach him at his own phone number (530.470.8915). Knowing that this will not be abused, the phone number at Jeff's house is 530.265.6105, if Ted's number is not answered. Ted continues to take his morning walk and do his customary activities most days. • **Stu Walker** writes, "Patricia and I have just returned from our fifth and sixth honeymoons—and are contemplating a seventh to Romania this spring. I was second, racing in the annual Paris Open Regatta on the Seine a few miles west of Paris at the famous CVP (Cercle de Voile de Paris) last September." • Correspondent **Jean Jordan Sheild** reports: The big news from **Carolyn Ohlander DePodwin** is that she is now a great-grandmother. Her oldest son, Andy, is getting adjusted to being a grandpa—his daughter, Karen, had a baby boy last May. The family lives in Springfield, N.J., so Carolyn has a chance to see him occasionally. She is also enjoying talking books, although she admits they sometimes put her to sleep. • **Lois Groben Gilmore** has moved to an independent living facility. Her new address is Rivercourt, 9 West Main Street, Groton, MA 01450. She decided she needed help with getting meals and this works well. She can fix her own breakfast in her apartment, then go to the main dining room for lunch and dinner. She has found people are very friendly and the facility is very pleasant. She still belongs to three book clubs so we discussed some of our favorites and found we have read many of the same ones. She is still driving and stays very busy. • News about **Virginia Carpenter Halstead** came from her husband, Gordon. She is now living in the Health Center. Although she is confined to a wheelchair or bed, she has a great attitude. She doesn't have much appetite so Gordon sometimes brings her up to their apartment for some home-cooked food. Every day she attends a session where they read the *New York Times* and have a discussion. There are also musical programs, which she enjoys. Daughter Janet Franklin '72 comes to visit from Concord, Mass., every other week and this really cheers Ginny up. • I managed to track down **Rachael Swarthout King** after her phone was disconnected. She is now in the Cumberland Care Center, which is still a part of Kendall but provides a bit more care. She has a problem with mobility so now uses a walker or an electric cart. These help her get to meals and to the library where she enjoys reading much of the time. She also attends lectures and concerts so she is very happy there. She told me this facility is Quaker-based so it is set up for basic care and whatever is necessary, as people get older. She has her own room and has made many friends but also has privacy when she wants it. • It is with deep regret that I must report the passing of **Janet Hooker Laine** a few days before Christmas. I had talked with her daughter, Nancy, who told me that her mom had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in September and had been living at home with a full-time caregiver. The cancer was very aggressive but Janet never lost her sense of humor. Janet was always upbeat and enjoyed her life at Heatherwood on Cape Cod. Even as her eyesight was failing, she made the best of it by joining with others who were sight impaired to find activities they could pursue together. Her daughters came often to take her to lunch or go shopping. She will be sorely missed. • Christopher Prukop sent word that his mother, **Pat Rogers Prukop**, died on December 16 from pancreatic cancer. She had asked that her life support functions be shut off, so there was little the doctors could do except keep her comfortable. Those of us who knew Pat agree that she was a lovely and brave woman to endure the horrible disease for many months and yet remain upbeat. I remember so well the beautiful Hawaiian dances she used to perform in meetings at Middlebury, while explaining the meaning of her graceful hand and body motions in typical Hawaiian style. After graduating, she and Johnny moved to her homeland in Hawaii and raised four sons who are now living in California and Massachusetts.

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REUNION CLASS **Kurt "Kugy" Klein** sent us a long letter, with memories of Middlebury and update on his life. The first half appeared in the winter issue. Here is the second half. "My path has led me to 40 years as a resident of the great state of Nebraska. (Now hold on for a second. Without using an atlas, just where is Nebraska, what states border Nebraska, what do people do in Nebraska? At a cocktail party once—in Vermont, as a matter of fact, where I was going to a rowing camp—I was offered the opinion that Nebraska was out near Oregon. I agreed, saying it was nestled between Oregon and Idaho.) My wife, Phyllis (64 years married and counting), and I decided one Monday morning back east that we'd like some Western experience to supplement our Eastern liberal arts heritage. So we came to Pepper Creek Ranch, 18,000 acres of prairie about 25 miles south of Chadron in Dawes County. I thought that ranch contained all the land in the whole world, but it's not the largest ranch out this way. Some top 60,000 acres. Phyl got a job teaching in a one-room school and I learned the cowboy trade. She had eight kids, K through 8, and I schooled with 400 cows and

500 acres of wheat and a couple hundred of alfalfa, and with deer in my backyard and antelope in the pastures and rattlesnakes in the grass. Eventually we bought a small ranch of our own and raised a few cows and a whole mess of pigs and wheat and alfalfa, and I learned that fencing a lot of miles isn't an easy task and windmills don't always work and when the electricity goes out there is no water and getting snowed in without enough food is not romantic at all and neither is catching a horse to get a saddle on it. But, fun or no, it's been worth it and we've never looked back. Alas, however, just as those classes predating ours slowly teeter away moving '44 closer to the brink, so go the various facets of our mythic West. The one-room school is almost totally gone. When the legislature made it mandatory that every school district have a high school, the country districts had to consolidate with the nearest town, and their schools just died. Also, the horse as a working ranch animal is practically nonexistent, replaced by four-wheel Hondas. And the trappings of the cowboy (spurs and saucer-sized belt buckles and 10-gallon hats and roll-your-own cigarettes and pointy-toed boots) are rarely seen now. (The final straw: Wal-Mart built a store in Chadron several years ago; biggest parking lot in five counties.) We sold the ranch four years ago and moved into a retirement community in Chadron. Our previous address was Hay Springs, population 640. We lived there for almost 36 years. We were nine miles north of town and 14 miles south of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. It was hard to give up the place, yet it is nice here. I suppose this is a typical retirement environment; we don't have to do anything, just enjoy a lot of leisure. I took up golf at age 83 and I play like I took it up at age 83. I have turned 90, a nonagenarian by golly. Chadron is a long way from Hepburn Hall, but we are grateful for the experience of both places. Life has been good for us."

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Greetings from Peterborough, N.H. The theme is "Turning 90." A bit daunting as it nears, and then a surprise as life continues one step at a time, one day at a time. Is the goal now 100? • **Fred "Ted" Kelly** checks in from Bath, Maine, where he is still making fine cigar ashes and has been since 1945. • From Carbondale, Colo., **Dick McCrudden** sent a handwritten note in November noticing the body's response to all those years of skiing and backpacking— "half my life at 13,000 feet in cold. The legs are worn out from almost 90 years of climbing mountains and skiing, but the heart is healthy and the lungs are oversized. Since leaving the company as ski school director overseeing 500 ski instructors, I do some hunting and fishing. My last trip to Alaska ended in a small plane crash. The plane was totaled and I ended up with only cuts and bruises. Now it's quiet time on the front patio by the pool and looking across the valley at the high peaks." • **Audrey "Lil O" Nunnemacher Pertl**, in Salt Lake City, Utah, checked in with a card for my 90th, saying she was a better athlete than a student at Midd. "I skated, skied, played tennis and field hockey, and hiked with the Mountain Club. I now have macular degeneration and write with a lighted enlarging glass." • **Elaine King Dandh** e-mailed the news of her move to a cottage on the grounds of John Knox Village. Her new address: 1402 S. Border Ave., #768, Weslaco, TX 78596. "I have a new garden, have painted some walls an outrageous peach color, and have hung memories on the walls—trips to India, Europe, and 22 years in Mexico." Nearby are friends who once lived near them in Mexico. • **Jessie Woodwell Bush** e-mailed from Florida, quoting Dickens: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times," and chooses to concentrate on the best: a three-day visit from the eldest niece, now a priest in the Church of England in Wales; turning 90 on June 1 and meeting first and only great-grandchild Amelia, born March 20; 60th wedding anniversary, honoring a long and happy marriage; living close enough to their children to celebrate holidays together. Counting blessings every day. • **Pat deLearie Haufler** remembers a weekend at the WAA cabin when she and I smoked corncob pipes and sent a photo to prove it! • **Dottie Laux O'Brien** sent a photo of her and the late **Kay Holbrook Nicol** playing tug of war in the snow in Saint-Sauveur, Canada, during a winter recess trip during college to Kay's family cabin. "Our group of five included Marilyn 'Breezy' Arey McGeehan '46 and others I can't recall as it was almost 70 years ago. When we got there, the toilet wouldn't flush, so we called a plumber. He came in, took a look, and said, '*Il ne marche pas*,' which translates as 'It doesn't work.' That gave us a good laugh. Kay's uncle, Stewart Holbrook, was a popular historian and writer." • I'm sorry to report that **John McGarry** passed away on December 11. Our condolences go to this family. • Harlan and **Alice Southworth Twible**, in Sarasota, Fla., are enjoying family nearby and a surprise visit from a niece from afar, and are missing extensive traveling. Her 90th birthday Hallmark card to me has a message for us all: "90—Bring on the birthdays! Each decade represents a new chapter of living and learning. Every new milestone's a moment to enjoy with rich friendship, spontaneous laughter, and warm memories. The life you've lived has been truly amazing. And today, as you look back on nine happy full decades, remember how much you've accomplished and how much you're admired." • Happy 90th to all of us in its coming and in getting used to its arrival. Let's keep in touch! **"Mew"**

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It was good to hear from **Violet "Terri" Schnyder Jarrell**. Terri lives in Peabody, Mass., near her daughter, which I'm sure is wonderful for her. Terri has talked with **Jane Strayer Hess** and says she is doing well. • **Mary Nasmith Means** enjoys life in her retirement community. She loves not having to cook plus there are many people to meet and she has made some really nice friends there. She gets together with her Midd friend, Irene Ulmer Boublik '49 for happy hour. At their ages it's fun to watch the younger retirees at play. Her life is very active with clubs and events for every possible interest. She has written a book about her life in China as a child. I hope she will tell us more about it. **Barbara Flink Ewels** was the one who contacted me about Mary's book. She says it deserves to be in the main part of the *Middlebury Magazine*. • **Jean "Lucky" Luckhardt Stratton** has also had the pleasure of reading Mary's book. When Mary and Lucky were waitresses and chambermaids at Bread Loaf in the '40s, that part of her background never came up in their conversations. Professor Brown would be very pleased with her writings. Lucky also took his writing course, but has produced nothing. The Scrabble game Lucky plays with **Betsy Barclay Wales**, which has been going on for the past 15 years, is a friendly competition each summer in Maine. They seemed to be fairly evenly matched until last summer when Betsy surged ahead by three games. (I have reported this competition before and feel sure Lucky will catch up this summer.) Lucky and her husband's travels these days are to Cousins Island, Maine, and St. Augustine, Fla., where they have family. Big event this year was their 10th wedding anniversary. • In regards to Mary's book, I wrote Mary to see if we could all have a chance to read it, but apparently this is not to be. She only wrote it for family and close friends. She printed it herself at Office Depot and it would be cost prohibitive for her to do more. What a wonderful gift for her children and grandchildren. • **Joan Campbell Shaw** is also impressed with Mary's book. It's so well written you can almost hear her voice and her account of missionaries in that unsettled time is fascinating. Joan is still in her home in Manchester Center, Vt., and enjoying the company of daughter Nancy, who takes wonderful care of the old folks. Joan has a new "sport," which is playing ping-pong on the dining room table. Although it's not regulation, it's possible to have some rip-roaring matches with players aged 8 to 89. They are planning to organize a tournament soon. • **Barbara Busing Harris** has decided to go back to AbeBooks.com as a book dealer and has been listing and selling used books again. It's a great place to find out-of-print books. The count on great-grandchildren has reached six with the birth of a little girl in Vermont. • **Lucinda Darby Westmoreland** is still enjoying life at Boone Estates in spite of the dreary and unseasonable weather they have been having. Her family is growing so fast she is having a hard time remembering all

La Sede della School in Italy si trova a Firenze in un palazzo cinquecentesco nel cuore accademico del centro storico.

the great-grandchildren's names. Her three sons and their wives visited at different times during the past year. Her daughter took her to visit her brother Frank and his wife in Harrisonburg, Va., for her 89th birthday last July. It was the first one since they were kids at Dewey Beach Bonfire Days in Delaware. • **Gloria Antolini Keyser** keeps up with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren who are scattered all over the map: Washington, D.C., Seattle, Denver, Atlanta, New Jersey, South Carolina. Thank goodness for e-mail. She does report the birth of her second great-grandchild, Isabella Jane Keyser, who was born in August to grandson David and wife Rebecca. Gloria had a glorious trip to New Jersey to meet and hug this adorable little girl. She hopes to hang around for our 70th reunion. Our 65th was such a blast! • **Avery Post** says he has no news, but he must be doing well because he still answered my e-mail and for that I am grateful. • **Lois Brigham Selnau** is still busy with research for prospective members for DAR and active in her ladies group at her church where she is secretary (for life). She plays bridge on her computer every day and occasionally with a group of friends. She was given a gift of a NOOK and has read about 50 books. It's funny, she says, because she feels like she is wasting time when she lets herself read. So she knits socks so she can accomplish something. She had a week in Stowe, Vt., at her time-share with peak foliage and beautiful weather at the end of September. In February she was planning to go to Arizona to visit her 83-year-old baby sister. • I'm very sorry to report that we have lost three classmates: **Janet Kasper Taylor** died on September 12, **Barbara Carey Goodman** died on November 23, and **Jean Crawford McKee** died on December 12. We send our condolences to all their families. • May I ask you all to keep me updated on your e-mail addresses. Every time I seem to get a note from the Mailer Daemon that my e-mail is not deliverable. And those of you who never hear from me when I am about to write this column, please send me a note so I will have your address to contact you in the future so we will know how you are.

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In the past I have been in the habit of randomly choosing those whom I would contact for news. However, as I studied my notes in preparation for this quarter's news, I realized to my dismay that there are many classmates whom I have inadvertently ignored. To avoid that problem in the future I have divided the class into four groups of 17. Each quarter I will concentrate on one of the groups though I will gladly accept news from any of you at any time. Contacting the four groups will let me contact the entire class by the end of the year. • I am glad to report that **Phil Briggs**'s hip surgery was a complete success. Both he and wife Jean (Sloan) '49 are doing well and can now play golf again though Phil confesses, "not always well." They took a cruise in September that included the UK, France, Spain, and Portugal. • **Doris Reynolds Cleveland** is now a full-time North Carolina resident. She has moved into a one-bedroom apartment with a private bath in a retirement community. She takes all her meals there and can participate in all the planned activities. She is reasonably independent but has help available when necessary. And she did, indeed, need that help when she fell and broke her right wrist. She is near her daughter and husband and is truly happy to have family around. They are thoughtful about doing things for her that she finds difficult. She was also delighted that her son came from Texas to be with her at Christmas. • **Jeannette Cunningham Kidd** wrote that she changed her residence about a year and a half ago, moving from the dwelling where she and her husband had lived since 1986 to a retirement home about a quarter mile down the street. Husband Art passed away in 2009 but she continued to live in the house alone until she had a bad fall in 2012. For her own peace of mind and that of her children she decided to move. At first she was in assisted living but then progressed to independent living. She sold her house last spring and now really has no responsibilities. She still plays bridge in several groups, volunteers in the hospital waiting room, and is active in both a women's club and a book club. She summed up her letter writing, "I am and have been very blessed." • I asked **Ernestine "Steeny" Rolls Pepin** if her address on Pepin Drive in Newport, Vt., had a family connection. She answered that it did—it's on property that once belonged to them. A developer purchased it and built one condo building. Steeny and her husband ended up buying one of the condos in the building but the city fathers decided the name for the street. Their children cover the entire country from California to Maine but manage to return to their Vermont roots from time to time. Steeny is still into historical roots and genealogy. She finds life slower than it used to be but enjoys reading about what everyone else in our class is doing. • **Liz Young Anderson** has moved from Ridgecrest Rd. in Dallas, Texas, to Ridgecrest Circle in Lewisburg, Pa., said Circle being off Ridgecrest Rd. To make matters more confusing, her apartment in Dallas was called Gatewood and the entire retirement community where she now lives is called Riverwood. She has to think twice when writing her address. She is now closer to her daughter in West Virginia but farther away from the other two. She made the move about a year and a half ago when she was no longer able to be of much help to her daughter in Dallas. In a sense Liz is returning home because she and her first husband lived there for 26 years when he taught at Bucknell. He died in 1965 and in 1976 she remarried. She and her second husband, the Rev. Dante Anderson went to South Africa to live and remained there until his death in 1988. Liz then returned to Lewisburg to be with her friends and her church home. Her house there was a large five-bedroom one and she had to downsize considerably when moving to Dallas and again back to Lewisburg. Both apartments were one-bedrooms and both had large sliding doors leading to a balcony with an excellent view. Liz is still able to drive, even with the increased traffic in a small college town. Her youngest daughter is also a Middlebury graduate. • **Tiffany Clark Nourse** sends greetings from Middlebury. They are doing well though husband Bart '48 had a terrible fall in September, resulting in a broken wrist and a bone in his cheek, a concussion, and lacerations. As if that were not enough, he then had a bout with pneumonia. He is now recovering at home and having help with balance. They continue to walk every day, generally on the college track or campus. They are watching the new field house construction and say it will be enviable and NCAA compliant. • I'm sorry to report that **Rose Hull Terrill** passed away on September 19 and **Marjory Nelson Bench** passed away on January 2. Our condolences are sent to their families.

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Karl Gilbert sent this note about his mother, **Joan Tyler Gilbert**: "She turned 87 years old in May 2013. She lives in the personal care wing at Moravian Hall Square, a nice retirement community in Nazareth, Pa. Until March 2013 she lived independently, but her declining vision and arthritis made it necessary for her to move into assisted living. Her mind and memory are very sharp. She enjoys visits from her four sons and four grandchildren." Joan's husband, **Daniel Gilbert**, died April 25, 2012, at the age of 87. • **Elizabeth "Reidie" Reid Buzby**'s granddaughter, Nina Buzby, is a freshman at Midd and loves it. She's the daughter of son David Buzby '81. Reidie's daughter Nancy is marketing manager for the Environmental Defense Fund and daughter Sandra '79, known as "Buzz," is a counselor at St. Paul's School in New Hampshire. At the time we received this, Reidie was awaiting the birth of Cockapoo puppies! • **Charlie** and **Mim Wade Butts** had a family reunion last May with all four children. They are still involved with the Massachusetts Archives in Boston, hosting an exhibit of 17th-century American portraits. Their summers are still spent on Bustins Island, Maine, and they would welcome visitors from our class. They were sorry to miss the 65th reunion but look forward to the 70th!

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REUNION CLASS Correspondent **Rachel Adkins Platt** reports: I recently spent a delightful two days at Middlebury where I had the opportunity to see all the "new" buildings on campus since our class left there 64 years ago. It is still as lovely as ever! Also I met my connection with the magazine, Sara Marshall, so now I have a face to associate with rather than just an e-mail address. This was a real pleasure. And speaking of great events while I was there, I was able to have lunch with Hugh Marlow '57 (our retired alumni director) and his wife Barbara at Two Brothers Restaurant. I couldn't have asked for a nicer day. You all should come back in June for our 65th! • Now on with the news. Thanks to **Marilyn Crawford Stoke** for noticing the absence of much news in the column recently and taking the time to update me. "Randy and I continue to enjoy Del Mar, Calif., and all it has to offer. Two of our children live a few blocks away, which is very convenient for all. With great regret I gave up skiing two years ago after two hip replacements within six months. Fortunately we both are able to play tennis several times a week and fit in a little golf. The ocean finally warmed up so I had a couple months of boogie boarding. I've narrowed my volunteer activities down to Assistance League. I'm still knitting. No argyles, but crutch pads for the Camp Pendleton hospital. Also Randy and I have been involved with a group supporting E5 and below Marine families with food and clothing. Oh, they seem so young and their needs are great. Our youngest daughter, a physical therapist living in Colorado Springs, is now a canine therapist as well. She loves working with dogs. We do keep busy and consider ourselves so lucky to live here." Sounds like she and her husband are living a busy, happy life in sunny California. • I had a lovely chat the other day with **Betty "Deanie" Dean Custer**, who says she is very happily living in the Wake Robin Community, Shelburne, Vt., with her new husband, Chuck Cutting '46. She waxed eloquent about the music, which is available to them through the performing arts center in Burlington. The music performances are outstanding and a real plus at Wake Robin, which is a beautiful retirement community. She also told me she occasionally sees **Jean Sloan Briggs** and husband Phil '47. They are there only half of the year as they spend the other half in Arizona in winter. I still remember a fabulous trip my husband and I took sponsored by Middlebury to Africa some years ago and Jean and Phil were also there. He was a great photographer of all the animals and fascinating scenery. • Our super world travelers, Dwight and **Rachel Stryker Smith** took an Odyssey Tour to Croatia last fall. "A most interesting, fascinating country." Rachel shared news on **Fran Miner Turner**. They see her every year on their trip to Florida, where Fran lives 10 months of the year. Then they see her again in the summer when Fran comes to the Albany area for two months to see her children and her family home. Two of her sons are in the Berkshires and still run the family farm. Her daughter is also nearby. Fran plays the organ in the small church where she grew up. Wonderful to return to her roots and also share time with her college pal, Rachel. Hugh Marlow refers to the Middlebury family that is created among us. How true! • Correspondent **Dixon Hemphill** reports: I had a good talk with **Cliff Forbush**. He and wife Rita live in Sarasota, Fla., where they retired some years ago. They have four sons and one daughter, and seven grandchildren. Cliff was in the investment business for almost 60 years. I thought June and I were doing well having been married 58 years until Cliff informed me that he and Rita were married in 1950—over 63 years ago! His time in military service was quite interesting. He wanted to join the Navy right after high school in 1944 but his father, a retired Army colonel, insisted that he first complete a year of college so he enrolled at Middlebury hoping to join the V-12 officer training program. However he was two days too young to join so he completed his first year at Midd and then joined the Navy, serving as an enlisted man during WWII. He returned to Midd, graduated, and then some years later was recalled for the Korean War, when he served as a Navy officer aboard a destroyer in the Pacific Theater. During his working days they lived in Windsor, Conn., for 20 years and then moved to Lexington, Ky., where Cliff said his neighbors were thoroughbred horses. Cliff and Rita traveled extensively following his retirement in 1993 until a few years ago when he says he slowed down physically but not mentally. I told him he sure sounded sharp to me over the phone and he replied, "Well I guess keeping up with investments and playing bridge has helped!" He and Rita often play duplicate bridge with friends and he walks a mile every day in his neighborhood. • On a more sober note, I was very sorry to learn that two of our classmates died. **Jack Barlow** and **Dave Thompson** both passed away in November. My sincere condolences go out to their families.

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Correspondent **Jinny Orrall Albert** reports: I was lucky to find **Betty Glenn Gunderson** at home and we had a long phone conversation. She moved from New Jersey to Texas the year we graduated. She lives southeast of Houston. She lost her husband 10 years ago, like me, but she stayed in her home. She had three sons but only one survives. He is 55 and married, with a teenage son who excels at violin. Last March the whole family went to NYC and saw the grandson perform at Lincoln Center with his school symphony orchestra. They had a Caribbean cruise together, also. Betty goes to a gym daily to walk 30 minutes and use the machines. She says going to Bible study classes is a Texas thing. She also says if she can't drive in the future, she'll just call a taxi! • Another classmate for this issue is **Betsy Ulrich Hoobler**. She and I were together in Battell Cottage sophomore year. She was widowed 1 1/2 years ago. She is professor emeritus of English at Kent State Univ. in Ohio after retiring in 1990. Presently she teaches English as a Second Language to two ladies from the Sudan, who speak Arabic! This past fall she taught Spanish-speaking students. Her daughter built a large house with an apartment for her. Lastly, Betsy weighs 85 lbs. • I'm sorry to report that **Janet McIntosh Straley** passed away on November 20. I remember that we were in Modern Dance together and performed on stage. She was the best one and did the choreography. At an early reunion I asked if she had continued with her dancing and she said no. Our condolences go to her family. • Fellow classmates, I am succumbing to wobbly legs and frequent falls. I did research on communities for a year and chose a Holiday property, Parkview in Allen, Texas. It is only 12 miles distant so my friends can visit. Such things are less expensive in Texas than on the coasts. My fun mail lady said, "They take ALL YOU HAVE!" Please write to me with your philosophy at my new address listed below.

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As I (**Lee**) am writing this the snow is falling and I am picturing in my mind the beautiful Middlebury campus, with Mead Chapel at the top of the hill reminding us that "The strength of the hills is His also." But hopefully as you are reading this, you are enjoying a nice warm spring day. • Congratulations to **Van Parker** on the publication of his book of poetry *Opening Doors*. As Van writes in the introduction, "After a dead end/It's quite amazing/to discover/an open door." After retiring from the ministry, Van was encouraged to continue writing and at age 80, he started writing poetry. He says, "One of the things I've learned in writing poetry is that it opens up the world in unexpected ways." He quoted Robert Frost, who said about poetry, "No tears in the writer, no tears in the reader. No surprises for the writer, no surprises for the reader" (*Collected Poems*, 1947). Van's poems speak to all of us, expressing how we are all "connected to one another, to the natural world, and to a Source of life, which goes by various names." His book is a collection of wonderful, meaningful poems. He has done some reading of his poetry at various locations around Hartford, Conn. Van and wife Lucy spend half of the year in Vermont and then move "south" to Connecticut for the winter! • **Marty O'Brien Fenn** says her special memories are that she was the only woman on campus allowed to be out until 10:30 at night to cover *Campus* stories. Marty's *Campus* experience prepared her for her first job as the assistant PR director at Colby College, which led to her meeting

Jerry Fenn, whom she married in 1955. Unfortunately Jerry died in 1992. Marty does remain active and has five grandchildren to fill her life with happiness. • Last year **Betty Nelson** spent a wonderful summer in sunny England. She's still working full time and would like to hear that she's not the only one. Can anyone respond to that? She writes that they are doing some interesting surveys among the young adults in England on their attitudes to the political parties. It's disturbing that in both of our countries young people are switched off politics. Voting participation rates continue to decrease. What do you think Professor Heinrichs would say about that? It's an interesting question and, along with Betty, we will expect and welcome classmates' responses. Betty wishes good health to all. • Correspondent **Beth Huey Newman** spent some interesting time helping out at the Concours d'Elegance automobile show in Hilton Head, working in the refreshment stand. Beth's niece, Carolyn Vanagel (daughter of Bill Huey '52), was the general chairperson of this event. It's a very successful and popular show that attracts many tourists to Hilton Head in November. You should all come down for it. • We regret to tell you that we received word of the deaths of **Irving Farrar** and **Karl Rannenberg**. We send our heartfelt condolences to their family and friends. • Remember we want to hear from ALL of you. Even if you have sent us correspondence before, we're happy to hear again, and if you haven't corresponded with us, what are you waiting for? Our best wishes to all, Lee and Beth.

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Correspondent **Chuck Ratté** reports: In the fall heavy rains produced sudden flooding in the Boulder, Colo., region. I wondered, were any classmates residing in that locality adversely affected? I contacted all our classmates in Colorado, even those well outside the flooded area, to see how the mountain folks were doing, flood victims or not. Some of the women of the class received up to 14 inches of rain. **Joyce Rohr** reported that a normally placid small creek behind her house jumped the banks and flooded the lower floor of her home. **Nancy Berquist Kinne** and **Betty Bates McCord** reported a lot of damage to local roads but escaped damage to their properties. • I received a very informative note from **King Woodward**. He lives in Aspen, far from the flooded region. He had planned to attend our 60th reunion with **Bob Martin**, but he became ill a few days before his departure date and had to cancel his reservations. His unfortunate illness also prevented a post-reunion stay with the Martins. King moved to Aspen after four years in the Air Force, is married, and has two children, Jennifer in Portland, Ore., and David in Crestone, Colo. He has participated on community boards and the Colorado Council for the Arts. He's now retired and living in an assisted living facility. He gets in a little cross-country skiing and has no intention of moving to a warmer climate. • Judy and I recently joined **Bill Kirby** and wife Zoe for a pleasant lunch and conversation as they were on their way to visit their daughter in the Rutland, Vt., area. Thanks, Bill and Zoe, for making the side trip. It was great to see you. • Informing you of the passing of former classmates, colleagues, and close friends is a sad, unpleasant task. We have lost two prominent members of the class. Both were very well-respected members of their communities—**Knight Washburn** of Addison, Vt., and **Ken Nourse** of Middlebury. • Correspondent **Barbara Cummiskey Villet** reports: This column sometimes requires writing about the death of an old, old friend. My friendship with **Ken Nourse**—as for many of us—began in freshman year and lasted until the end of his life on November 10, a span of 65 years. He filled those years with a life that became focused on service to others. Initially, though, he wanted to be a journalist—preferably in sports reporting as he remained an avid sportsman and member of the Red Sox Nation for all his life. I recall that after college, he worked for a radio station in Brattleboro and briefly for the *Worcester Telegram* as a reporter. But a lifelong friendship with Fred Neuberger decided him on a career in admissions, which began at Clarkson Univ. Next it was Rochester Institute of Technology and Worcester Polytech, a job that brought him back to his hometown. Aware that admissions people and college counselors shared the same problems, in 1969 he and a colleague founded the ongoing Fitzwilliam Conference and, along the way, he became president of the New England Association of College Admissions Counselors and a recipient of its highest service award. Ken was elected as an alumni trustee at Middlebury in 1970 and was eventually drawn back to the College in 1974 as the director of public affairs, settling in Middlebury permanently with his wife Joyce and sons Dan and David. Two years later, he founded the Alumni College and became director of alumni relations and also became increasingly involved in services to the community. This commitment continued even after he returned to his work in admissions at Union College, making the long commute to Schenectady rather than giving up his home and community work in Middlebury. After his retirement in 1991, Ken continued serving in multiple community roles such as Elderly Services, Home Health and Hospice Care, as a board member at Porter Hospital, as a fund-raiser for the United Way, and helping oversee the rejuvenation of the Town Hall Theater. In 2006, he married artist Pat Hamilton Todd '53, and they had seven good years together. There were four classmates at Ken's service in mid-November—**Steve Baker**, myself, **Bill Trask**, and **Dee Rowe**, who spoke, remembering Kenny, from their shared childhood years in Worcester until the present, as a man of honesty and decency in all his endeavors. The truth of his heartfelt eulogy was impressed upon me by the size of the crowd at the service: many townspeople from all walks had come to honor a man who had done so much for others throughout his life. There was love in the room and Kenny was among us. • Correspondent **Mary Halsted Francoeur** reports: I had a fun phone conversation with **Robbie Rey Bond**. She sounds as young and vivacious as ever in spite of having raised six children! Robbie and Renton '51 have three girls and three boys and now have 26 grandchildren. Robbie also worked as a real estate agent when they lived in Pennsylvania and in New Jersey. Both Robbie and Renton are retired and live in Youngstown, N.Y., near Buffalo, where Robbie grew up. They spend part of the year at their cottage in Port Cobourg, Ontario. Robbie's women's quartet is affiliated with the Sweet Adelines. Her quartet placed ninth in the world recently. She was about to leave for a performance when we spoke. • **Mary-Lou McLeod Aagaard** and husband Jim moved to a retirement community close to their old home so Mary-Lou can continue with her League of Women Voters endeavors and other community activities. She was so busy sorting and settling in, she couldn't join me until the winter term for an extension class at Northwestern Univ. For those of you who are interested in taking free classes on your computer, google Coursera and look over the huge list of courses that are taught online. You can learn in your home, at your own pace, with no stress, and for free! • As of the next issue, **Jean Vaughan Varney** will be replacing me as a correspondent, assisting **Barbara Villet**. • See a photo of **John Bowker** on page 88.

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It seems strange to be compiling class notes for the spring issue with an early winter storm howling outside. I have sent a few e-mails and made some phone calls looking for news, with limited results. Perhaps classmates think I'm asking for money. I'll hope for better results after the winter issue comes out with my last report. • I did learn that Judy and **Roger May** returned from their fall trip to Martha's Vineyard and reunited with their adorable puppy, Misty. This fall they hope Misty can join them on vacation, if their hard-hearted island landlord relents. Since Roger found out that tennis courts do not agree with him, Misty has become a valuable exercise partner, what with long walks and occasional deep knee bends to pick up whatever Misty has left behind on neighbors' lawns. Life is good in New Jersey again, after Hurricane Sandy. • Speaking of Sandy, I was fortunate to find **Alexander "Sandy" Bing**, my idea of the quintessential New Yorker, at home in NYC. Despite

the fact that he was recovering from a broken hip, we had a fine bit of reminiscing. I have retained a mental picture of Sandy, glove in hand, wandering around campus looking for a game of catch or stickball. After graduation Sandy returned to his city, joining the family's real estate company and later becoming a Wall Street securities analyst. He also made a geographical move of about five or six blocks to 96th and Fifth Ave. and was thus still able to continue ball games, of a sort, in Central Park. After his hip healed, Sandy was hoping for more ballgames in the park, or at least some trout fishing. In the meantime, he has a full woodworking shop in the apartment and can entertain himself there. Sandy has had two marriages, with three children surviving. He has resisted the lure of our reunions but kept up one unusual Midd contact. His wife of the past 47 years has family in Belfast, Maine, and thus Sandy learned that one of our most intimidating and/or inspiring freshman English teachers, Baird Whitlock, had retired to Belfast. Sandy renewed the connection. Some will recall that Baird and Pardon Tillinghast could be found of an afternoon brewing tea in their Old Chapel office and tolerating visits from awestruck but timid freshmen. Whitlock was also notable for creating a glee club for males unable or unwilling to join the chapel choir. We traveled to places like Green Mountain or Colby Junior College to entertain and visit the girls, a treat for those having trouble getting dates with Middlebury ladies. When we became upperclassmen things got better. Although he was not a classmate, and later moved on, Baird Whitlock was an important part of the freshman experience for many of us. • Unfortunately the rest of my report involves classmates we have lost recently. **Persis Luke Loveys** passed away last September 6. She left college early, married Ralph Loveys '51, and graduated from Wheelock College. In our 50th reunion booklet, she noted she and Ralph had six children: five married and four Middlebury graduates. They were blessed with 14 grandchildren. Our condolences to Ralph and the whole family as well as to our classmate **Nancy Royce Peck** and her family on the loss of **Bob "Buzz" Royce** on October 31. In our freshman dorm Buzz was the leader of a room filled with emigrants from Ripon, Wis., an exotic place to most of us. Buzz took a side trip to a more exotic place called Korea but came back, now wed to Nancy, to enjoy Midd life as a married student and to graduate. The Royces then dove into an active and interesting life in the San Fernando Valley, Calif., but later returned to Ripon. You can go home again. Buzz said they raised "perfect" children, while he flew his plane and Nancy did some French tutoring. She sent two of her best students to Middlebury, thus keeping alive the Ripon connection. • I also learned of the death on September 3 of **Janet Nutt Lembke**, our only classics major. She was a quiet presence at Middlebury, but she put her education to work in astonishing fashion. Her translations from Greek tragedy (Aeschylus, Euripides) and Latin poetry (Vergil and others) were published by major university presses, including Oxford and California. At the same time, she became a prolific essayist, writing about the isolated life of rural North Carolina—natural history, "wild animals, wild men." In addition to more conventional sources, she checked the great Latin and Greek naturalists, like Pliny and Aristotle, to see how their descriptions matched the realities she observed. She wrote, "Middlebury gave me the tools." And she used them. • Finally, I learned that **Bill Wagner**, Midd's milk and doughnut man among many other things, and our great friend, succumbed to cancer on Thanksgiving Day. He had been undergoing treatment at the Cleveland Clinic for some time, and we were able to enjoy visits with Bill and **Jan (Schongar)**, and Dick and **Nana Dean Kennedy** at the Wagner home in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. But we knew the time was coming, and it came, as it will for us all. Again, we think of Jan and the children, Meredith and Reed, and the grandchildren. Bill and the others on this disheartening list will leave a void for the many people they have touched around the country and the world. We must be grateful for what memories we have.

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REUNION CLASS Catherine Thomas Langley '75 sent the sad news that her aunt, **Margaret Moreau Willett**, passed away on January 11. Margaret came from a newspaper background as her family owned the *Hunterdon County Democrat* newspapers in New Jersey. She was very active on the *Campus* newspaper while at Middlebury, serving as managing editor her junior year. After graduation, having been inspired by wartime broadcasts she had heard as a child about English children being shipped to safety in Canada, she wanted to visit England and obtained a one-year permit to work for a British weekly newspaper company. While there she met Peter Willett, they married, and she stayed in England, raising their four children in Helsby, Cheshire. For many years she wrote a weekly column for the *Democrat* called "Letter from Britain." In it she discussed daily life in war-worn Great Britain of the '50s and detailed the cultural surprises she encountered—such as being the first person in her village to purchase a full-sized refrigerator. It set the neighbors gossiping. Who could possibly need such a beast? Those Americans! Catherine Langley, who is the daughter of Anne Moreau Thomas '51, says she was at her aunt's graduation from Middlebury in 1954. They have home movies of her as an 18-month-old, toddling outside Old Chapel. She and Margaret shared a fondness for Chaplain Charlie Scott. Our class sends condolences to all of Margaret's family. • Hope to see everyone on campus for our reunion on June 6–8!

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Correspondent **John Baker** reports: Besides farm projects featuring gardening and tending to their livestock, **Pete** and Carolyn Whitmore '54 **Baldwin** have been absorbed with land use and successful land trust projects. In the fall Pete fractured his femur, which proved a major nuisance, an interference to happy, day-to-day living, as well as his absorption in the final working of companion volume to a book he published in 2011, while he spent time in rehab. • Living in Portland, Ore., **Jonathan Brand** has donated numerous photographs to the Portland Art Museum over the years. This summer he will be half of a show titled "Women Are Beautiful." The other half is pictures by his late friend Garry Winogrand, which Garry took in New York in the 1960s. His book by that title came out in 1975 and somebody donated a complete set of prints of the photos in the book. Jonathan writes, "Garry was recognized as America's greatest street photographer. He would come up to my J. Walter Thompson office in NYC two or three times a week, after which we would have a Third Avenue bite and beer before heading over to Fifth Avenue to photograph women. When we were in Copenhagen, he visited us in 1969 and yes, shot more women. My women will naturally include Monika, my Swedish wife, and quite likely Garry's second wife Judy Teller." Jonathan also owns 15 Alice Neel paintings, some of which will be shown at an exhibit this summer at the Bennington, Vt., museum. One of the greatest portraitists of the 20th century, she painted his daughter Jenny in Copenhagen. One of the paintings he owns showed in the Chicago Art Institute's "Art & Appetite: American Painting, Culture, and Cuisine." Alice was washing her capon before cooking it for her two sons and it looked so fetching in her sink that she pulled her easel over. • Esther and **LeRoy Craig** still live in Gloucester, Mass. They spent Christmas in Austin, Texas, with children Stephen and Elizabeth and grandson Max. They keep up with classmates **Pat Hinman Makin** and **Tom Lamson**, who live nearby. • Abbie and **Jack Fassnacht** moved into a Kendal community just a year ago in Chicago. They have at least two neighbors who are Midd graduates. • **Alan Gould** writes, "I spent the last two years as president of the Hearing Loss Assoc. of America, Southwestern CT Chapter and received the association's award of recognition and gratitude for the many years of advocacy for those with hearing loss. For the Wilton Playshop, our local community theater, I raised the funds to install an enhanced listening system and audio loop designed for those with hearing loss, making the theater the first community theater in Connecticut to have such technology. Last summer, wife Pat and I stopped in Brattleboro to join **Dave** and **JoJo Kittell Corey** for lunch and then went on to Middlebury for dinner and *The Fantasticks* at the Town Hall Theater with **Bruce** and **Sue Heyer Beyers** and mutual Middlebury friends. Pat continues to work for ERB, Educational Records Bureau,

an admissions and achievement testing company, as a consultant and academic professional. I love spending my 80s with daughter Jen '93, son-in-law Michael, and our three grandkids, who live in nearby Darien. • **Alden Lank** and wife Connie had a two-week cruise in September from Southampton to Barcelona down the west coasts of France, Portugal, and Spain. A highlight was a visit to the vineyards of Bordeaux, which they had never accomplished in the 35 years they lived in Switzerland. They spent Christmas and New Year's at their chalet in the Swiss Alps. They haven't missed a one there since it was built in 1979. • In New Jersey **Dave McKissock** still plays some paddle tennis in winter with his senior group at Sea Bright, where he plays tennis in the summer. "We were very fortunate last year not to be damaged by Sandy, which devastated the Jersey Shore, which is still trying to recover. Many lost everything." Dave was happy with the way his Red Sox performed in the fall. Not too many Sox fans in New Jersey! He and Diana (Parish) '56 were planning to make their annual visit to Barbados in March. • Please keep me up to date with your activities. Best wishes to all, **John.** • Correspondent **Sally Dickerman Brew** reports: We're sorry to say **Spike Hemingway** died on July 24. An outgoing individual, Spike often came to our reunions. Looking back to Middlebury days, Spike was on the tennis team all four years and was captain senior year. In retirement, he became an avid golfer with wife Betsy. He spent summers in Kennebunkport, Maine, where he became good friends with both Bush presidents, who he played golf with almost daily. **David Strachen** attended the funeral, as did both former Bush presidents. • **Sally Foss Haskell** has settled into her new condo in Saco, Maine. A week after Sally arrived in Saco, her husband, Ted, died. Meeting new challenges, Sally is now involved in an active life, which includes golf, book club, and exercise class. Fortunately daughter Lee lives 20 minutes away. Son Bobby has an aspiring national ski-racing daughter at Colby. Sally plans to watch her race in Maine. Sally still owns her home in South Carolina where her son, Chris, lives so she does go south to play golf and see her friends there. • One last personal note: my grandson, Walker Stewart, was accepted early decision at Middlebury. With two granddaughters at Williams and a grandson at Dartmouth, I have even more reasons to get back to New England. Granddaughter Hannah Van Wetter is an excellent goalie for Williams, so for the big soccer games between Middlebury and Williams, I must say I am torn. **"Pundy"** (**Frank Punderson**), the ardent soccer fan, gives me the feedback on those games.

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Vernon Gray has published *The Maritime History of the Vernon H. Brown Family,* a historic portrayal of a time, particularly in the 19th century, when America was not only dependent on shipping for commerce and transportation but when its ships were the envy of maritime nations around the world. As the great-grandson of Vernon Brown, Vernon has been collecting the maritime history of his family for over 50 years and his book shows the family members as captains, brokers, and shipowners (16 in all) during America's golden age of sail and the rise of the steamship industry. If you'd like to know more about the book, contact Vernon: (himeadow@kingcon.com) or (802.467.3621). • To gather news from our classmates for this edition, **Dick Powell** wrote, "This is the time of our lives that many of us are becoming octogenarians, eh? For you who have arrived, what philosophies have you for the rest of us about arriving at this crossroads? Is it okay to go fetal or is it time for rebirth into something unknown? Being forced to slow down by the fading mechanisms of the body is not my style. So I need to redirect my passions into different directions, I guess. Tell us how you are handling these literally life-changing times." • To this appeal we heard right away from **Meme Parsons Salisbury**: "Our main news is similar to last year's. We spent eight months in Paris (and other parts of France and Germany from time to time) and we are back there again. Our response to advancing years—I have about nine months until the big 8-0—is to do everything we can NOW and for as long as we can. We feel we have a whole new life—similar to starting out in NYC right after Midd—working hard on our French, which we both started around age 60, making many French friends, singing in two choruses, and, as our grandson Matthew says, eating all that good French food! We've missed going up to Midd for the January musicals the past two years, but we'll be at the next class reunion for sure." • From **Charlie Robinson** we heard, "I've joined those of you on the other side of 80 and am glad we made the move to EastView in Middlebury last year. It's nice not having to contemplate another move and related downsizing. Heather and I audit courses at the College and attend the wide variety of College sports. The College now provides live coverage webcasts of more than 100 athletic contests—both home and away. So we were able to see every football game last fall without leaving campus. The site is www.middlebury.edu/athletics/about/livecoverage. So wherever you are, you can follow your favorite Midd team. It's a safe way to take your breath away!" Charlie and Heather (Hamilton) '57 were subjects of a feature article in the *Campus* in October. • **Gwynne Kimbell Schultz** shared this: "I have to say that the 'big 80' has been on my mind this year, although I still have a couple months to go. Mainly, I just can't quite figure out how I got so old! I'm blessed with good health, though, and still can be pretty active. I took two grandsons to the rain forest in Costa Rica last spring and survived quite handily. I still swim in Lake Michigan in the summer, walk daily, and travel back and forth to each end of the continent to be with daughters and grandkids. And, of course, living here in Northeastern Wisconsin, I still shovel snow! I guess we just have to view this meander into old age (no pretending anymore) as a new adventure!" • **Judy Phinney Stearns** writes, "I guess people are starting to get all mushy about turning 80, but since I have over a year to go, I consider myself one of the young'uns. Wait till I get there, though! I have the weekend party all planned and the place on the coast of Maine all booked. I was actually on the Midd campus last fall, having taken granddaughter Neve and a good friend (who is her catcher on the softball team and an absolutely lovely girl who spent Thanksgiving with us in Vermont) back to school. Neve lives on the first floor of Gifford in a single and loves it. Speaking of traveling, I need to do more and am trying to work up courage and motivation to go on perhaps a Road Scholar tour. People who go single say it works out just fine." • So, good for you all engaging the challenges of the era we find ourselves in. Keep being active, curious, and contributing. There are still lots of things to learn and offer. Best of the season as spring is springing.

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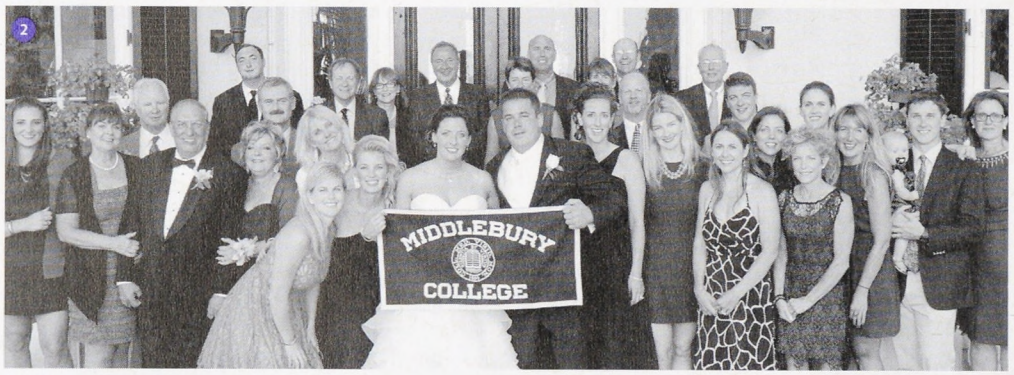
Charlie Sykes writes, "I had a delightful lunch and visit with Bob '54 and Barbara Totten Perkins '54 and **Zip Rausa** at my place in Reston, Va. The Perkinses were sparkling. Their son had recently contested for the congressional seat in our district. Zip continues to edit *Naval Aviation News* and play basketball in the Senior Olympics. His team recently played several games in Cleveland. In January I officially retired as chairman of the Board of Partners for Development, a small international NGO. The highlight of my tenure was organizing our board in Bosnia several years and traveling to projects in heavily conflicted areas that attempted to reduce the tension between ethno-national groups." • **Diane Draper Walker** writes, "My granddaughter Jessica Lee graduated from Middlebury last May, making her the sixth person and fourth generation to be a Middlebury graduate. She graduated 90 years after my dad graduated in 1923, then my brother Larry graduated in 1952, my husband John in '56, me in '57, and daughter Denise in '82. We have all been very fortunate indeed." • How would you like to live in the future? Charlie '56 and **Heather Hamilton Robinson** were able to tour Middlebury's entry in the 2013 Solar Decathlon house, Insite, before it left for the competition in California. Middlebury placed eighth in the contest and now the house is back on campus. We might add that Charlie is still making music with his Old Chapel 6. Moreover, his bass player,



1 The wedding of Jefferson Bates '08 and Emily Poole took place in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, on August 18, 2012, with many Midd friends in attendance: (all '08 unless noted) Doug Currier '82, Beth Rockefeller Currier '82, Katrina Reiser, Alex Garlick, Elise Tarbi, Christina Spencer, the newlyweds, Suzanna Fowler, Dylan Graetz, Abby Blum, Phyllis Wendell Mackey '78, Caitlin Taylor Reiche, and Lynne Reichart Graves '78, (second row) Frazier Stowers, Pat Gault, James Kerrigan, Nate Randall, Nick Middleton, Dan Skold '07, Forrest Orme '09, Nancy Schneider, Tripp Burwell '09, Tyler Lohman, and Will Drucker. 2 Heather Wende '04 married Kevin Mulligan at Congress Hall in Cape May, N.J., on September 22, 2012. The couple was surrounded by friends and family from all over: (all '04 unless noted) Molly Turco, Debbie Reid (Midd parent), John and Rita Wende (bride's parents), Barbara Liati (Midd parent), Jackie Cohen '05, Allison Liati DiClemente '05, the newlyweds, Jean Butler Nickerson, Abigail Lamb, Katie Bristow Bohlin, Teddy Flanagan, Kelly Feeney, Shelley Cohen (Midd parent), Kati Madouros, Lauren Keene, Andy Bohlin '05 with Reagan, Stephanie Madouros (Midd parent), (second row) Larry Reid (Midd parent), Zachary Wende (bride's brother), Jim Madouros (Midd parent), Jack and Mary Turco (Midd parents), Jim Liati (Midd parent), Jane and Bill Mandigo (women's hockey coach), Marcia and Bob Bristow (Midd parents), Jay Cohen (Midd parent), and Ted Butler '67 (Midd parent).

3 After attending Obama's inauguration in 2009, Lucy Carpenter Freeman '58 and Bonnie Mairs '58 decided to go again in 2013. 4 In Cortez, Fla., on January 30, 2013, Anne Martin Hartmann and Andy Montgomery hosted a fourth annual Class of '59 mini-reunion for classmates and spouses: (seated) Dave Collin, Anne Martin Hartmann, (second row) Bill Hahn, Erika Mimno Brigham, Bob Luce, Bick Bicknell, and Andy Montgomery. Bruce MacIntyre and Dottie Dever Frost had planned to attend but could not. 5 Charlie Noyes '82 and Lee Daniels, MA French '88 meet up on the campus of the Hotchkiss School.

Jules Auger '58, visited the Robinsons at EastView for three hours. Charlie had to put his engineering projects on hold—shlepping to dredge a lake in Ludlow, Vt. They said that Peter and **Gail Parsell Beckett** and Bob and **Lee Hall Albern** also stopped by EastView for a visit. Gail says "the next move" seems to be the focus of many of the conversations of people our age. • Ed. note: Almost two years ago the magazine received notice from the College records dept. that James A. McCann had died. They had received his obituary. Mistakenly, everyone thought it was **James McCann** of the Class of 1957 and we ran his obituary in the magazine. We are happy to report that he is alive and well and living in Avon, N.Y., and it was another James A. McCann who passed away. Our deepest apologies for the untimely announcement!

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Dick Johnson writes, "Wife Mona and I cruised the Baltic Sea last summer, visiting seven countries, including the three Baltic States, Germany, Poland, and Finland, topped off with three days in St. Petersburg, Russia." Dick added with pride, "Our oldest grandson is now a freshman at Middlebury, our fourth generation." • From **Harlan Cummings** in East Thetford, Vt., we hear, "Since retiring from my dental practice my wife Ginny and I have enjoyed working on our 70 acres of land planting and harvesting trees and shrubs as well as firewood. We have headed for warmer weather in the winter beginning about 10 years ago. Florida was the destination for four years and since then California is our choice. We spend time in Malibu, Carmel, and Newport Beach. Ginny's brother is a member of Cypress Point next to Pebble Beach as well as Stamford so I get to play some fun golf." • Updating us on his life in France, **John Nichols** says, "Life is good in this wonderful (mostly) country. My health is almost without complaint, except for a little insomnia. Always something new arises in the medical realm but so far it has been easily handled by this sensational health system. I could still do with a 20-years-younger pill. I'm so content here I'm applying for French nationality and expect soon to have a triple threat U.S.–British–French passport collection!" He and wife Eve were off to Morocco for a month tour in their classic VW van, hoping to avoid contact with maniacal local drivers. On another note, John adds, "We have regained contact with **Otto Albers,** who dropped out of Midd before senior year to enroll in med school in Venezuela. I believe he is/was an internist for one or two large U.S. corporations in Venezuela. A lovely man whom I'm hoping to see in Paris one day." • From Washington State **William Geenty** writes, "Wife Norma and I relocated from Hawaii some 16+ years ago and are enjoying the Northwest. For many years we

volunteered at our local library and tutored young children from first to third grades in reading. We have sort of retired from those joys and now spend time with the White River Buddhist Temple, where I'm starting my third year on the board of directors and Norma is joining me for a three-year stint this year. Daughter Shannon is working on a master's in counseling at the Univ. of San Francisco and son Terence and family are in Wilmette, Ill., where he is with Morningstar and his wife Maile is a general practice doctor. The grandchildren, Sadie and Emma, are both in school in Wilmette. Other than the normal aches and pains for our age, we are quite healthy." • Our nation's capital, **Linda Mayer Horkitz** informs us, was the site of the latest get-together of the coven, as their dear friend, the late **Joe Mohbat**, dubbed them years ago. "In early November, **Mary Roemmele Crowley**, **Virginia Davis Irwin**, **Barbara Bang Knowles**, and I met for the umpteenth annual gabfest and sightseeing adventure. We toured the Capitol, the Supreme Court, and the Senate and visited art museums between great meals and endless talk sessions. The coven's fifth member, **Ann Ormsbee Frobose**, was unable to join us this time; she was in Chicago at a board meeting with her husband. Past gatherings have included big cities such as New York, San Francisco, and Philadelphia and quiet places like Snowmass, Colo. (a few times), Mount Desert Island in Maine, and Nantucket Island. Each get-together has been memorable in its own way and the bonds of friendship are stronger than ever as the years go on even though we live so far apart. We're already planning next year's reunion." • Describing her "happy and very interesting life," **Jane Coutant Ramsay** says, "These days, instead of traveling around the globe, we put a priority on time with our family and especially our eight wonderful grandchildren, ages 24 to four, five of whom spent time with us on Martha's Vineyard last summer. Here in Santa Barbara, Calif., we're constantly on the go, attending the many musical events offered in this small community. Husband Bill comes along to my outdoor watercolor class, and I play muse to some of his creative efforts, which recently included setting my translations of three Tang poems to music—performed to rave reviews! I continue struggling to keep the rabbits from devouring my flowers and I write an occasional poem. Like my still favorite poet, paraphrased, 'I shall walk upon the beach. I have heard the mermaids singing each to each. I always hope that they will sing to me.'"

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REUNION CLASS **Barbara Burch Melhado** is engaged in her personal property appraisal business and with a project at the Southern Vermont Art Center in Manchester cataloguing, photographing, and valuing their permanent collection—"a fascinating discovery of work accumulated over the past almost 80 years. I've been familiar with much of the collection but had no idea of its depth and breadth." • **Ren Curry** and wife Nancy put on their hiking boots with stops in Lassen Volcanic National Park and Glacier National Park, and then headed to the Italian Alps (Val Gardena, a valley in the Dolomites). Italian hiking provided better scenery and the hiking was easy: take a ski lift to the top, hike five to six hours, stop at *refugios* along the way for beer, sandwich, wurst, etc., and then take the ski lift down to your choice of restaurants, featuring Italian or Austrian menus. • **Connie Crabbe Dehlendorf** writes, "Husband Mike '58 and I celebrated our 54th wedding anniversary. He has escaped two near-death illnesses in the past three years but is in good shape now. We have four grandsons, one of whom is captain of his high school's lacrosse team. We have been back to Middlebury numerous times and can't believe the wonderful campus that now exists." • **Dave Harpp** and two of his colleagues presented McGill University's first Massive Open Online Course under the edX platform, on the topic of food in January. Dave holds the Tomlinson Chair in Science Teaching and is a Macdonald Professor of Chemistry at McGill. • Last April, when visiting Scottsdale, Ariz., **Alice Britain Griffin** facilitated a reunion for **Ginny Schlosser Vaules** and three cousins with whom she had lost touch. With the help of Alice and **Dorrie Landry Kehoe**, the cousins were soon sitting in Ginny's living room! • **Dorrie** will miss reunion because of conflicting dates but she says, "I do see real life at Middlebury, when I visit son Matthew Bonner '91 and wife Monique (Speidell) '92 and their sons in Cornwall. The town of Middlebury is much changed since we were there and so much richer. 'Live at the Met in HD' even comes to the Town Hall Theater!" • **Avery Tillinghast** is still involved professionally with nonprofit fundraising for housing for veterans with PTSD, a regional two-state conservation organization, and a historic New England church in Danielson, Conn. He continues to sail his International 111 in competition but with fading success. He and wife Cindy celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary in December. • **Barbara Freeman Irving** and her husband enjoyed a 16-day river cruise from Budapest to Amsterdam, visiting large and small cities, missing the big floods in Europe by one week, and using bikes at port stops. "We squeezed through 65 locks and under many low bridges. At one point we cruised through a gorge with a castle on every hill." • **Carol Sippel Monsees** visited **Ron** and **JoAnn Witmer Anderson** in Greenville, S.C., before proceeding to Naples, Fla., where she and Tull have had a home for 20 years. She planned to meet with Africa-travel friends to plan 2014 travel. • Pat and **Fred Swan** took the Road Scholar tour, largely by ship, from St. Petersburg to Moscow. The weather and the Russians were good. • Bob and **Carolyn Parks Behr** had knee replacements, then enjoyed a trip to Portugal and a November trip to the Costa Rican rain forest and the Panama Canal. • **Hilton Bicknell** and wife Ginny toured Israel last May. "We split the 11-day trip between the Sea of Galilee and Jerusalem. We visited the Golan Heights communal farms, were baptized in the Jordan River, floated in the Dead Sea, and toured holy sites in Jerusalem. We returned home spiritually uplifted and with a profound respect for the industrious Israelis who have survived for 3,000 years and have now turned desert into lush fields and orchards." • **Jan Martin Fenwick** reports, "While active in California, we do spend about three months a year at our condo near Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. I am trying to learn some Spanish without my old French popping into my head instead! We love our five–six weeks in summer at our cabin in New Hampshire. I hope to get to reunion. We always welcome friends to come visit!" • **Andy Montgomery** and wife Joy gathered three children and their spouses and eight grandchildren (19 down to 9 months) to celebrate Joy's big birthday at Sandpiper Bay Resort in Port St. Lucie, Fla., last November. • **Granthia Lavery Preston** celebrated last July with a new hip and a new grandson, Preston Bowditch Newhall, of Cambridge, Mass. • **Millicent Fairhurst** writes, "I have retired from the book business and now do volunteer work for an organization called My Own Book Fund, where I take third-grade classes from disadvantaged schools to Barnes and Noble and each child chooses $50 worth of books paid for by MOBF. For my church I edit the newsletter, and I'm on the board of trustees and the World Service Committee. (We support an orphanage in Haiti.) I'm still playing chamber music and I keep in touch with **Anne Goebel Barkman**, **Phyllis Leach Morris**, **Ginny Vaules**, **Anne Martin Hartmann**, and **Andy Montgomery**." • Regarding our 55th, plans are under way. For example, the KDR brothers expect 100 percent of their brotherhood to return and have made Friday night dinner plans at the Waybury Inn. We hope many of you will join us on June 6–8, as we celebrate our last reunion before turning 80!

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Since 1968 **Bob Amter** has been CEO of Montegra Credit, a commercial mortgage banking company he created to invest limited partnership funds in high-yield risk commercial bridge loans, primarily in Colorado properties. His son Charlie lives in West Hollywood and daughter Renee in Austin. In 1990 he married Bonnie MacDonald. They live in Denver in good health and spirits with their poodle Willow. • Last year Carla and **Duke Manley** sold their large house in Lancaster, N.H. They downsized and opted for energy efficiency, keeping the same

e-mail and phone. • **Dave** and **Sue Goodwin Hopkins** celebrated their 50th anniversary with a trip to France, with time in Paris and Provence, visiting Arles, Cassis, St. Remy, and Avignon. Musée d'Orsay was a favorite, followed closely by crème brûlée. Their only stressful experience was entering the wrong pay booth on a toll road. Credit cards didn't work and no cash slot! Cars lined up behind, but amazingly no horns! They eventually paid when a courier was sent out. By the second encounter, their blinking emergency lights repelled all others, allowing them to leisurely solve their problem. Dave added their medical histories are available on request. • **Vcevy** and Jane Cram '61 **Strekalovsky** were in Normandy and had similar credit card problems (no "chip"). They backed up a long irate line in a museum parking garage on a ramp while Vcevy tried to remember how to start on a slope with a clutch! They walked with Monet in his garden at Giverny, saw the wonderful Musée Eugene Boudin in Honfleur (he showed Monet how to paint *plein air*), saw the extraordinary Bayeux tapestry (actually embroidery), and had a very moving experience on Omaha Beach, even with the sequester having shut down the cemetery. • Helen and **Tom Irwin** enjoy Vermont except for the nonstop rains last spring and the very cold winter. Summers are spent in Vermont biking, kayaking, and hiking; winters, at Stowe skiing downhill and cross-country. Son Brian teaches history in Orleans, Vt., and his wife is the director of the ski museum in Stowe. Daughter Becky '96 and her husband are on the faculty at Dartmouth College and do their alpine research during the summer at the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory in Gothic, Colo., giving the Irwins an excuse to visit that state. • **Phyllis Farrington Howard** thought that by now she would have slowed down a bit. However, she is an elected member of the International Skating Union Council, serving until 2016. This governing body for the sports of figure skating and speed skating worldwide has only 12 members, each from different countries, dealing with many issues affecting the world of Olympic sports. She travels to meetings and events around the world. In December she was in Sochi for a test event and was planning to be there in February. Phyllis keeps in touch with Middlebury roommate **Ellen Mathewson Nichols**, who lives in the D.C. area. • We are sorry to report the deaths of two classmates. **Edward Fairbanks** was a history major and member of PKT. Ed participated in intramural sports all four years at Midd, was a three-year member of the Christian Assoc., and worked on the Community Chest. **Peter Battelle** passed away in December. He was a math major, member of DU, and played every year in intramural sports. For many years Pete and wife **Jean Emrich Battelle** were class agents. They were avid hikers and led hikes at our reunion. We reconnected with **Bob Cross**, **Duke Manley**, **Denny Frasche**, and **Gordy Chader** at the celebration of his life. • Unfortunately your Christmas news arrived too late for the deadline for this column. Your news will appear in the next Midd Mag.

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It was great to hear from **Sophia Healy**, whose *Gobli, Herr Esel & Friends* was published in 2012 by Li-Sever in Erlangen, Germany. Li-Sever previously published her *Fluss Herumwandern* and *The Robber Girl*. Sophia still runs the handmade paper shop, Trout Paper, which she founded in 1979 with friends. She lives in Vermont, Florida, and San Antonio, Texas, and is working on *Myakka*, a Florida novel. • In the winter issue we told you about a website **David Crowley** created but we gave you the wrong URL. It should be davidecrowley.com. • Do we dare call him legendary? OK, the legendary **Phil Latreille** was inducted into the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame in November. According to a release published on the College's website, "In the history of U.S. college ice hockey, no player in any division has scored more goals in a game, in a season, or in a career than Middlebury College's Phil Latreille. He also was the first Vermont collegiate player to skate in the National Hockey League. Even though he wrapped up his career more than 50 years ago, Latreille still holds seven NCAA individual scoring records, including most points per game in a season (5.14) and in a career (4.07), and most goals per game in a season (3.81) and a career (2.94)." • Your class correspondent was recently elected president of the Admiral at the Lake Residents Assoc. The Admiral is a continuing care retirement community affiliated with the Kendal Corp. All of the Admiral's activities are "resident-initiated" and run by the Residents Association. The president is also an ex-officio member of the board of directors of the Admiral. • It is with sadness that we send condolences to **Hallie Macdonald Stewart**, whose husband, John, passed away on October 14, 2013. Hallie and John were just one month short of celebrating their 50th anniversary. • **Jack Westerbeke** sent the sad news that **Nick Dabney** passed away on January 4. He says, "I miss Nick a lot. That might seem strange considering we were not much more than acquaintances at Midd and for decades thereafter, despite our military service in Germany and graduating in the same class of '66 at Harvard Business School. I know my late wife **Fran (Blick)** and I met Ginny, probably at a Midd reunion. But that was about it. Until one night at the Boston Symphony, looking across the hall from our balcony seats, lo and behold, there were Nick and Ginny in seats directly opposite. Thereafter, as often as we could, the four of us would meet for a preconcert dinner at Boodles restaurant nearby. Not too long into that pattern Nick disclosed that he had been diagnosed with MS. Not many years later we suddenly didn't see them in their symphony seats. Ginny explained that Nick had become too weak to deal with the stress of attending, climbing the stairs, and so forth. More time went by until I called one day to learn Nick had aspirated some food, had gotten a bad case of pneumonia, and was still bedridden in a nursing home a year later as a result. That's when I started visiting Nick every month or two, beginning some four or five years ago. After a year or two Nick was able to live at home with 24-hour care. But he slowly became weaker, despite structured exercise, to the point where he was either in bed or in his TV chair, lifted from one to the other by a hoist. During his last several months Nick was unable to leave his bed. During our time together we talked enthusiastically about many diverse things. It was fun and I looked forward to every visit. Nick never complained, never asked, 'Why me?' He always had a big smile waiting for me. Every moment I was with him, Nick grew in my mind as the best example of courage I've ever witnessed, or am ever likely to witness. Yes, I miss Nick Dabney a lot. Rest in peace dear friend."

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John Sinclair writes, "Nancy and I enjoyed the Vermont Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony and dinner in November. It sure is wonderful to have grown up in the small state of Vermont as we knew so many of the folks in attendance—lots of skiers, of course. Phil Latreille '61 was inducted and his acceptance speech focused on how much the value of a liberal arts education at Middlebury College positively influenced his life. At our table were Karen and **Gordie Eaton**, Hugh Marlow '57, and Steve "Bugs" Adams '63. In typical Latreille style, Phil offered to sit at our table in order to raise the table's IQ level. Yes, there were exciting times at the old rink. I can still close my eyes and see Phil and his teammates flying across the ice." • **Bonnie Bonnaviat** writes, "During a spur-of-the-moment mini-reunion with friends from Bradenton and Phoenix last spring, the warm climate did wonders for my usual join-the-crowd geriatric aches and pains. The blessed heat, furthermore, took the edge off the discomforting side effects of the daily medicines I must stay on for life. Bliss! The therapeutic effect of pheromones probably helped too, for I felt completely happy and rejuvenated in Florida. The proximity of good friends, plus the lifestyle benefits of the Sarasota/Bradenton area's year-round social and cultural opportunities, made me decide there and then to move there permanently. The transplant gave me not only a new life but also a profound belief in the truth of *carpe diem!* Nevertheless, I surprised both my Florida friends as well as myself when I really did seize the day with a totally unexpected and lightning-quick online purchase one September day of a rare fully furnished Bradenton

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condominium (sight unseen!). I knew the floor plan and area from having stayed in a friend's similar one during the reunion, so the moment my realtor e-mailed me the brand-new listing, I had three trusted friends view it on my behalf. When they gave it the thumbs up, I *carpe diem'ed* like mad. The place suits me to a tee and I felt instantly at home in it. New neighbors were overwhelmingly friendly and welcoming, offering help and advice, and inviting me to their parties. I haven't laughed so much in years. The thought of moving to Florida, therefore, is very exciting. The thought of everything I have to do here in England beforehand is far less so! Besides preparing my house and its contents for sale and completely closing up shop in every other way, I will have to research and coordinate a smooth medical transition so that vital ongoing medical care is already in place by the time I arrive. Florida will soon be home."

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GRADUATE SCHOOLS

ARABIC SCHOOL

Reginald Heefner ('06–07, '09–13) tutors college-level students in languages, holds all day clinics for students of martial arts, is translating a jujitsu text, which dates from the Samurai era, from Japanese, and is teaching himself to play guitar. He also graduated last year with a degree from Shippensburg Univ.

BREAD LOAF SCHOOL OF ENGLISH

Rob Hunter (MA '95) read his poetry as part of the New American Writing Festival at Hartwick College last fall. His poetry has appeared in a variety of literary magazines over the years, and his first volume of poetry, *September Swim,* was published in 2005 by Spoon River Poetry Press. He has taught high school English for 23 years and lives in Manchester, Vt. • **Julie Hansen** (MA '01) is the headmaster at Thaddeus Stevens School in Lyndonville, Vt. One of the founders of the independent school, she has helped it grow from seven middle grade students in 1999 to a current student body of 73 in grades K–8. • **Andrew Delinsky** (MA '03) has been hired as the next head of school at the Peck School in Morristown, N.J. Currently he serves as the assistant head of school and upper school principal at the Bullis School. He and wife Julie have two children, Eve and Finn. • In March 2013, **Maggie Ray** (MA '12) married **Ben Niles** (MA '12) in Gainesville, Fla. They live in Lawrenceville, N.J., where she teaches at the Lawrenceville School and he works for Taylor Made Marketing.

FRENCH SCHOOL

John Foster (MA '64) continues to entertain audiences with his many talents, producing a show in the fall called "An Evening with John Foster—Comedy in Poetry and Song" at Freedom Plaza, Sun City Center, Fla. • **Deirdre Gonia Halat** (MA '71) writes that Middlebury helped her immensely with her career and at age 67 she is still teaching! Not just French but German and Spanish as well. • Law firm Bond Schoeneck & King announced recently that **Virginia Robbins** (MA '72) had been elected as a new member of the firm's eight-member management committee. With the firm since 1986, she is the chair of the firm's environmental and energy practice group. • At Boston Univ. **Susan Klem Jackson** (MA '73) is the senior associate dean for undergraduate education in the College of Arts and Sciences and an associate professor of French in the Dept. of Romance Studies. • Dr. **Arline Fitzmaurice** (DML '77) taught French for many years at Saint Joseph College in West Hartford, Conn., but in 2001 she began teaching Spanish at the Learning Place in the Cultural Center of Charlotte County, Fla. • **Carol Neidle** (MA '78) is a professor of French and linguistics in the Dept. of Romance Studies at Boston Univ. • **Carl Little** (MA '86) has written the introductory essay called "Irene Hardwicke Olivieri: The Mysterious Workshop of Nature" for the book *Irene Hardwicke Olivieri: Closer to Wildness.* • **Cat Young** (MA '02) is the associate director for international admissions at SUNY Plattsburgh. • **Jessica Perich Carleton** ('11–12) is the author of *Story Drama in the Special Needs Classroom: Step-by-Step Lesson Plans for Teaching Through Dramatic Play* and the assistant director of education outreach at 92Y in NYC.

MONTEREY INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Vladimir Cernavskis (MAIPS '04) worked tirelessly within the Latvian Ministry of Finance to prepare his country's application for membership in the European Union. In 2002 when Latvia was formally invited to join the EU, Vladimir found himself at a crossroads and accepted a Fulbright scholarship for study in the U.S. and enrolled in the International Policy Studies program at MIIS. "I didn't have a clear goal regarding my career and was hoping MIIS would help me get there," shares Vladimir, explaining that he did not realize before coming to Monterey that work could involve passion. Now a passionate professional and partner at McKinsey and Company in Moscow, Vladimir has worked on a wide range of projects for clients in telecommunications, oil, and gas as well as the public sector in Russia, the Commonwealth of Independent States, and the Middle East. The 6,000 miles between Monterey and Moscow have never kept Vladimir away for long. He returns at least once a year and loves to visit friends and enjoy all that the area has to offer. Looking for ways to reconnect with the Institute more formally, he gladly accepted Prof. Levinger's offer to come and teach two courses in January as part of the International Professional Service Semester training. "It was wonderful to be back and be more than a visitor," he says, humbly speaking of the energy he got from working with the smart and demanding students. His courses were exceptionally well received. • One of the "Lost Boys of Sudan," **Mawuor Dior** (MAIPS '10) was able to travel back to his native Sudan to be reunited with the family he had left 20 years prior, thanks to donations and support from the Monterey Institute community. In 2011 he decided to stay on to participate in the exciting task of building the soon-to-be independent country of South Sudan. "Not many people get to witness and be a part of the birth of their own country. I was fortunate," Mawour said when we spoke with him again this January. By then he had returned to the U.S. after tensions in his country had spilled over into a major conflict, sparking fears of civil war. He's working to get the South Sudanese Diaspora involved in peace-building efforts, but had to leave his new wife and baby son behind. "I couldn't believe our leaders could once again lead us down this path we just got off, no matter their political differences," says Mawour, who feels that the South Sudanese people have been betrayed by a government marred by corruption and tribalism. As one of the few college-educated citizens of his new country, he had been working for the past three years with Winrock International to build capacity through community trainings. "We are back to square one," he says with disappointment, "but there is still hope that with creative thinking we can avert a catastrophe." He hopes to find ways to continue his work on building the foundation for a stable democracy. "We cannot plant a lemon tree and expect a mango."

SPANISH SCHOOL

Leonor Gonzalez (MA '79) was one of the founders of the International Lecture Series in Vero Beach, Fla., which recently celebrated 30 years of attracting distinguished speakers, such as George Plimpton, Julian Fellowes, and Letitia Baldridge. • **Kim Killingsworth** (MA '91) works in the Global Meetings Practice of WorldStrides, a company that organizes student travel packages, with experience in MBA international admissions and exchange student management. She has over 15 years in international higher education. Previously she worked at the Johnson School of Management at Cornell and IES Abroad. • **Raúl Rubio** (MA '96) has published *La Habana: cartografías culturales,* a book that examines the worldwide fascination with Cuba and things Cuban during the last century. He is an associate professor at John Jay College of the City Univ. of New York.

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A year ago we were flipping through our newly arrived 50th Reunion Yearbook in preparation for either attending reunion or perhaps making contacts with classmates. That yearbook underlined that despite having taken many different paths since graduation, we share common delights, fears, hopes, and prideful moments. It is wonderful to learn that the 50th reunion prompted numerous reconnections and acts of kindness towards classmates and also encouraged some to go forth with new ventures. • From Ripton, Vt., **Jane Choate Beck** relates that during Homecoming Weekend in October she enjoyed the celebration/display of **Susan Washburn Buckley's** reunion gift of Civil War letters followed by a joyful dinner at the Swift House restaurant in Middlebury. • **David** and **Mary Leslie Hanscom** speak enthusiastically of their reunion experience—especially of talks by **Charlie MacCormack** and Professor Emeritus John Elder, and also their discovery of the Charles P. Scott Center for Spirituality and Religious Life. • **Noel Kane** reports from Washington, D.C., that he and **Betty Anne (Cooper)** seem to be aging gracefully, no complications—so they were planning an April cruise in Holland. • Dr. **Tom Keating** of Decatur, Ga., is one of the kingpins behind www.projectclean.us, an organization striving to improve the safety, cleanliness, and hygiene of public school restrooms. Check it out—read of his efforts and consider like efforts in your locale. • **Peter Frame** and wife Cecelia of Duxbury, Mass., in their mini-reunion mode, broke bread with **Dick Floyd** and wife Katherine of Weston, Mass. Peter is in the throes of launching a TV global sports package called One World Sports. • **Larry Ring,** of Tucson, Ariz., reports that back in October **Sigrid Roggenkamp Falt** and husband Bruce of Basking Ridge, N.J., welcomed **Sibylle Vock Brandrup** (Upper Saddle River, N.J.) and **Madeline Hartman Wiley** (Tenafly, N.J.) to an afternoon Kaffeeklatsch followed by an evening Oktoberfest. The gathering was spurred by the discovery at reunion that while at Middlebury both Sigrid and Sybille were unaware that both were German speakers. They now look forward to continuing such gatherings and encourage others to reach out in a similar manner. Sigrid further comments, "No matter how small the group, Midd people are very interesting." • **David Taylor** and wife Susan of Plainfield, N.H., returned just before Thanksgiving from a three-week group tour of Italy, where they took in the sights and museums of Tuscany, Rome, Florence, Venice, etc. They highly recommend such travel during the off-season to avoid long lines and hot weather. Staying several nights in each locale also allowed for individual exploration. Living in Plainfield permits them to take advantage of Dartmouth College amenities, while enjoying small-town New England life with quiet walks in their own woods. • Your correspondents **Jan** and **Chris** encourage all to maintain informal contacts and to let us know what's going on. All news is appreciated news!

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REUNION CLASS Correspondent **Bob Baskin** reports: On a chilly weekend at the end of October, a bunch of us trekked up to Middlebury for an Alumni Leadership Conference to help plan our upcoming 50th, that's right, **50th** reunion. Give yourselves a pat on the back for making it this far. We were 21 strong including **Liane Bicknell Barrera, Edie Sprenger Ching, Ann Messick Dunlevy, Eric "Bear" Fuller, Sam Gordon, Perry Hanson, Sue Easton Hanson, Mike Heaney, Dave Holmes, Patience Kenney Jackson, Thad Jackson, Eliot Levinson, Nancy Thornhill Pierce, Marguerite Grewer Puca, Karin Swanson, Molly Buffum Turlish, Keith Van Winkle, Louise Gulick Van Winkle, John Vecchiolla, Karen Paullin Will,** and yours truly. The College this year timed the event to coincide with Homecoming, which really added to the atmosphere. In addition to breaking into groups to plan the program, the yearbook, and yes, the fundraising, we had the opportunity to take in a number of other amazing activities on campus. Did you all know that they don't separate the guys and girls any more in the dorms? No more curfews? And, yes, women are allowed on the second floor. No kidding. • If you haven't been back or followed what's been happening at Midd, you'll be blown away by the facilities, the students, the food, and, most of all, the opportunities that Midd Kids are given. President Liebowitz gave an address Saturday morning explaining the thoughtfulness the College has put into understanding and planning governance—the appropriate roles and responsibilities of the administration, the board, and the faculty. Beyond that he talked about the College's philosophy and approach attempting to create a proper balance between theoretical and experiential education. I'm sure we'll hear much more about that, but trust me, it was fascinating. • Back to the activities. One of the most interesting talks came from four students on Friday evening who detailed the innovative opportunities they were given to pursue their individual interests, the hands-on experiences they had that better prepared them for life after Midd, and the confidence they gained through them. Inspired by their creativity, a number of us who were housed in the Annex House at Bread Loaf rose to the occasion to deal with a potentially troubling situation. You see, in the Annex, the first floor had one bathroom labeled WOMEN. The second floor had one bathroom labeled WOMEN. The third floor, which no one would approach in the middle of the night, had one bathroom labeled BATH. Notice what the Annex didn't have? That's right, no bathroom for MEN. So what were the guys staying in Annex to do? I told you we were inspired by the earlier student panel, right? **John Vecchiolla**'s inspiration was to design his own sign, MEN, that he would tape over WOMEN when needed. **Bear Fuller** moved down a different path. When he ventured out in the middle of the night, he had his wife, Linda, run interference by standing guard at the door and blocking anyone from entering. Personally, I was equally inspired, but took a simpler approach. I merely folded the WO over, leaving MEN. • Saturday we all convened after President Liebowitz's talk to do our reunion planning. The work wrapped up around 2:00 p.m. Now, being Homecoming, of course, a football game was scheduled. And it wasn't just any game. It was undefeated Trinity College, 5-0 at the time, versus the Panthers at 4-1. The game began at 1:00 when we were still working hard planning. **Dave Holmes** was given dispensation to leave early. He was, after all, captain of our football team. **Bear Fuller** and I stayed to the bitter end but hoped to see the game. We parked the car near Porter Field Road. On the way to the field we spied the reconstructed Solar Decathlon House, designed and built by Midd students that came in fourth place out of 20 submissions in 2011 on the D.C. Mall. Understand that little Midd was up against environmental giants like Team Austria, Stanford, Team Texas, and Kentucky/Indiana. And little Midd came in FOURTH. We went inside for a tour to see for ourselves. Very impressive. With that done we proceeded to Porter Field. But the game wasn't there. Who knew a new field had been constructed overlooking the golf course? We arrived with about 4:30 left on the game clock. Trinity had just scored to put them up, 24-20. Midd got the ball, but failed to advance it sufficiently to try a field goal to at least tie the game, and had to punt. The stellar Midd defense held and we had one more chance with about 2:30 left in the game. The guys moved it and on fourth down and three yards to go, Midd fired a pass into the end zone between a couple of Trinity defenders, and one of our guys caught the ball for a touchdown. We were up, 27-24. Midd kicked off, Trinity marched down the field, and with 6.5 seconds on the clock, threw a pass into the end zone right at their receiver. But at the last moment, a Midd defender moved in front and intercepted the ball to seal a Middlebury victory. The place went wild. Great highlight of the weekend. • Okay, interesting story, but what's the message? The message is whether you've followed Middlebury over the years or not, the College is an unbelievable place that has affected the lives of thousands of students. It's a place deserving of support and each of us who are part of the Middlebury story deserve to see it for ourselves and to visit with our classmates by returning for the reunion in June. Hope to see you there.

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Please circle June 4–7 on your 2015 calendar. Those are the days in which we will be holding our 50th reunion. Co-chairing the event will be **Randy Brock, Carol Burr, Bob Royer,** and **Nancy Smith. Fred Stetson** and **Andy Johnson Perham** will co-chair the yearbook; and **Bob Eldred** will spearhead the activities schedule. You may already have received a phone call inviting your participation so be thinking about what you'd like to do. • Sadly we must report the passing of two more classmates: **William "Terry" Wright**, retired professor of geology at Sonoma State Univ., died in September. Terry received his doctorate at the Univ. of Illinois then went straight to Sonoma for his entire teaching career. His legendary passions were creative, smart, and funny people; music (Dan Hicks, Arlo Guthrie, the Beatles, Mark Knopfler); and the outdoors (river exploration, skiing, hiking, wine, and soils) and they come as no surprise. His blog, terrysworld007.blogspot.com, provides a delightful introspective on his life. • **Richard Kennedy** died in October at home in Branford, Conn. After Middlebury he earned advanced degrees from Stanford and Bryant Universities. He was a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and a hospital administrator for San Francisco General Hospital and VP of operations at Women and Infants Hospital of Rhode Island, where he helped plan and execute the relocation of the hospital to its current location. A 33-year veteran, he was a colonel in the Army Reserve and served in the Persian Gulf during Desert Storm. He commanded a 2,000-bed medical complex, which treated 29,000 casualties and was awarded the Bronze Star. He completed his military service in the Office of the Army Surgeon General and was awarded the Legion of Military Merit. After retiring he was a volunteer gardener at the Alcatraz historical site, taught writing at Quinnipiac Univ., and in the last months of his life taught his health-care team and family about the dignity of life and death. His passion and avocation for 18th-century medicine led to his appointment as surgeon re-enactor for the Pawtuxet Rangers of Rhode Island. He lectured extensively on 18th-century medicine, including at the Old Operating Theater in London and the Royal College of Surgeons. He also served with the 6th Connecticut Regiment of the Continental Line and the Stony Creek Fife & Drum Corps. His book, *Leeches & Liberty*, is a historical fiction of the life of a surgeon during the War of American Independence. Both he and Terry will be missed. • **Jiffy Starr Johnson** had a mini-reunion with WRMC founder John Bowker '52 last March in Sun City, Fla. They reminisced about WRMC, which began in John's backyard in Middlebury and which Jiffy was president of in 1964–65, working to secure an FM license for the AM station. They shared a lot of old memories and caught up on their current activities in retirement. (See the photo on page 88.) • **Joe McLaughlin**, who reported the death of **Alby Reilly** in the winter issue, adds more information about his life after college: "After graduation, Alby worked briefly for Bob Blackman, the renowned Dartmouth football coach, and also coached high school football in Vermont and got a master's degree in English at Bread Loaf. Eventually, Pam and Alby moved to the Midwest, where he was the head football coach for Knox College during the years I was working at the *Chicago Tribune*. Later, he and a partner bought a greenhouse construction company in Cincinnati, and eventually Alby bought out his partner. Under Alby's leadership, the company grew to become the largest greenhouse manufacturer in North America. The company has built or restored beautiful botanical conservatories in cities across America. You can see some of them on the Rough Brothers website. Alby's son Richie attended Dartmouth, where he met and eventually married Christine Neuberger, the daughter of Fred '50, at a wedding in Mead Chapel. I was honored to be asked to be Richie's godfather by proxy when he was baptized during my tour in Korea. Richie has been running his father's company for several years. Richie and Christine have two daughters. Pam and Alby's daughter Sarah is a very beautiful and strong woman, who lives near the Sarah Lawrence campus outside NYC but has spent much of the last year helping her mother cope with Alby's disease. He leaves behind in cities across America and abroad stunning, soaring structures that house beauty and nourish life. He is truly missed."

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Kitty Grant Galaitsis writes that she's enjoying retirement in Lexington, Mass. "I'm gardening, working on some political campaigns (Elizabeth Warren, Ed Markey), participating in our town's French sister exchange, reading, cooking, and generally doing what I want. My husband, Tony, is still working. Scientists never stop, I think. We are able to travel now and then. We visited Tony's family in Greece last summer and then spent some time on the island of Lefkas, famous for beaches, wine, honey, and olive oil. If any classmates are planning a trip to Greece and want to get off the beaten path, I would be happy to give suggestions. Lately I have been enjoying my role as mother of the bride. I help when asked! My daughter, Stephanie, married her longtime beau, Gregory Ely, in September. (We saw Doug '68 and **Kathy Baker Worden** at the wedding.) They will live in Cambridge or Somerville, Mass., for at least the next five years while Gregory gets his doctorate at MIT. Stephanie just finished a master's at Tufts in water engineering. Meanwhile, our grandson Will has turned three and was joined by baby brother Benjamin Charles in late October. My son Alexander's family lives happily in Minneapolis so one of my best friends is Skype. However, we got out to see the new baby in early December. We are thrilled to have grandchildren!" Kitty and Tony were in Middlebury in October for Kitty's father's memorial lecture. The history department is keeping it going and a number of prominent Americanists have participated. Kitty writes that it's her chance to get some inside College news! • We received a note from **Stephen Sanborn**, who is now residing at Varney Crossing Nursing Care Center in North Berwick, Maine. He had to move from Berwick Estates, an assisted living facility, to the nursing home after breaking one arm twice in early 2013 and then, in October, breaking the other arm. He writes, "I can assure you there is nothing *humorous* in breaking one's *humerus*." Bright spots for Stephen remain family and church, St. John's Episcopal in Portsmouth. • Vermont Public Radio celebrated **Joel Najman**'s 30th anniversary of hosting his rock 'n' roll history and music program, *My Place,* with a '60s-themed Sock Hop at the Town Hall Theater on the green in Middlebury. According to VPR, the dance party took place on September 28 with Joel "spinning tunes from the '60s, sharing stories, and getting everyone on their feet." Admission was by donation of nonperishable foods to HOPE (Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects), an organization based in Addison County. Joel, who has been a part of Vermont's radio scene since 1964 (as many of you will remember), was inducted into the Vermont Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 2004. In early 2013, the Vermont Legislature honored him with a resolution congratulating him on 30 years as "Vermont Public Radio's rock and roll impresario." • The Middlebury area newspaper, the *Addison Independent,* last summer included a profile of **Sally Sise** in their business and professional section. After completing a master's in education, Sally moved to massage therapy, in which she has had a private practice for 28 years. AMTA certified, she has also been certified in zero balancing since 1996. She began studying craniosacral therapy in 1990 and graduated from a two-year program in biodynamic craniosacral therapy in 2009. She works with both children and adults, frequently in collaboration with other health-care professionals. On a more personal note, Sally has six grandchildren, three in San Francisco and three in London. • Coincidentally, **Andrea Agrell** sent a postcard from London, the base from which she does quite a lot of traveling. She spent last summer in the South of France. During the previous year, she was away four months in Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil, Spain, Italy, and France. Sailing and riding are favorite activities while traveling; at home in London, she does some property searches and lots of gardening. She's hoping to make it back to Middlebury for our 50th reunion!

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Rick Hawley, now residing permanently in Ripton, Vt., has been hard at work on a number of literary projects. His new collection of stories, *The Other World*, was published in December by Short Story America Press (see page 57), followed in January by *Souls in Boxes*, a reflection on the nature of the soul and the cultural barriers to living soulfully, published by Green Frigate Books. In February a study of the kinds of teacher-student relationships that work best for boys, *I Can Learn from You: Boys as Relational Learners*, cowritten with psychologist Michael Reichert, was released by Harvard University Press. Rick's bicentennial history of West Virginia's Linsly School, *Forward and No Retreat*, is due out in May. He reports that he is looking forward to a bout of writer's block. • **Sam Guarnaccia** was in the news in the fall (*Burlington Free Press*) before a performance by him at Shelburne Farms. Sam is a composer and classical guitar player and played his oratorio, *Emergent Universe*, which uses music and readings to tell the story of the universe's evolution and future. • To paraphrase lyrical **Helen Martin Whyte**, like geese or caribou or monarch butterflies, or a thousand other living things, the Women of '67 (Wof67) make our annual migration to gather together, this year at **Sue Rugg Parmenter**'s family place, Rugg Haven, in East Corinth, Vt. Helen says, "I wonder if those other species are as lucky as we are to be greeted with such friendship, wisdom, and good cheer, not to mention great vittles!" We enjoyed each other tremendously, thankful for the opportunity to continue our 50-year friendships and deepen our support and interest in each other. **Judy VanNostrand Sturgis** wrote afterward, "The weekend was very healing. All the sharing, listening, and empathy was so good for me. Thank you all! Rugg Haven was literally a haven." Attending this year: **Margot Cheel**, **Susan Freier Geisenheimer**, **Kathie Towle Hession**, **Jana Mara Holt**, **Joanne Hall Johnston**, **Carol Collin Little**, **Sue Schweickert Macy**, **Freddie Mahlmann**, **Linda Morse**, **Susie Davis Patterson**, **Judy Pierpont**, **Gay Shaw Regan**, **Livvy Barbour Tarleton**, **Karen Unsworth**, **Jervis Lockwood Anderson**, **Helen Whyte**, **Sue Parmenter**, and **Judy Sturgis**. We talked about moving our gathering to a Sunday–Tuesday this September in hopes more women from our class might be able to join us. To be put on the e-mail list, contact Susie at the e-mail address below. Big news at the Wof67 gathering was that Jana has moved from Seattle to Maine to live with her fiancé, our own **Jon Coffin**. The POWER of reunions, folks! • **Gary Margolis** has published another book of poems called *Raking the Winter Leaves* (Bauhan Publishing).

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Many thanks to all who sent in news and updates recently. We had so many great notes that some will appear in the summer issue. • **Glenn Rubin** writes, "I'm now in my 32nd year living in Portland, Ore., with my wife Monet, a fused-glass artist. I had retired some years ago from my medical practice (anesthesiology), but got a bit bored after our two sons left home to attend small, coed liberal arts colleges in Colorado and Massachusetts. Not wanting to get left behind, I enrolled full time in a three-year graduate program in counseling psychology at yet another small, coed liberal arts college here in Portland, Lewis & Clark College. The large beautiful campus reminds me of Midd, forested and tranquil, with a mix of historic and modern buildings. It was quite a challenge to go back to the academic grind after all these years, but last May I received my master's and am now volunteering part time as a therapist at a local low-income mental health clinic. We continue to enjoy the film, art, restaurant, and music scene here. We still love to travel, and on a recent visit back east to Cape Cod, managed to meet up with former frat brother Jeff Van Zandt '67 and wife Bonnie. Though I missed the 45th, I hope to make it to the 50th reunion in 2018, so I can march in with all my fellow geezers!" • **Kveta Gora Pierre** tells us, "I married François Pierre (the Frenchman I met the first day at school in Paris during my junior year abroad). After graduation from Middlebury, I got an MBA from Columbia Univ. We were married in August 1968 and have lived in New York, Canada, and in Paris, France, for the last 36 years. We have three daughters, three French sons-in-law, and seven grandchildren. François and I worked for 18 years in the corporate world and then started two small businesses in Paris, where we worked together for 20 years. We sold our businesses several years ago and are retired. We spend much of our time caring for our grandchildren as the parents work long, stressful days." Kveta's address is 56 rue des Renaudes, 75017 Paris, France. • From **Michael Rabinowitz** we hear, "Since graduating from Middlebury, I received an MBA from NYU and then served for eight years in the Army Medical Service Corps. In that role, I had two tours of duty in Vietnam and then specialized in hospital systems management throughout Europe, Africa, and the U.S. After being discharged, I went to work at one of the top three CPA firms in the U.S. and was promoted to national partner in charge of their health-care practice. I left the CPA firm to found my own management consulting practice specializing in health-care management, mergers, and acquisitions, capital financing, sales, and new product development. I have particularly enjoyed a niche that I developed in executive consulting to several of the Fortune 500 companies. This exciting work has taken me around the world several times over the past 35+ years. I particularly enjoy helping these companies make a difference to their customers and to their employees. On a personal level, I have been married and divorced and have two grown daughters and six grandchildren. In addition, I have spent a number of years serving as the chairman of the board of directors of three separate handicapped riding programs targeted to children with physical and emotional disabilities and their families. I continue my lifelong adventure in training and showing horses in upper level dressage. One of the horses that I trained was purchased from me a few years ago and he was shown in the last Olympic games, placing in the top 10. Given my hectic travel schedule, I have not been able to attend many college reunions, but I still think back to those college years having enjoyed my fellow students and professors. I live in the Groton, Conn., area (when I'm home) and would certainly enjoy hearing from classmates from the Class of 1968." • And from **Tani Carman Wolff**: "My spare time is pretty much devoted to Opera Theatre of Saint Louis and the board of MERS/Goodwill. I have two daughters. Elizabeth is 37 (!), married, and general manager of a chain of retail medical supply stores. She, her husband, dog, and cat all live in St. Louis, about 10 miles from me. Torrey is 31, got married last summer, and is living in Palo Alto. She got a master's in city planning from MIT and is in the planning department at Stanford. Fortunately Stanford has great benefits, including tons of vacation, so they get here for Christmas. Besides, it gives me an excuse to visit my favorite city." • **Bob Kelman** writes, "I have cornered the market on being slammed into, while driving, by 26-year-old female texters—in 2009, I was hospitalized after such a person ran a red light in downtown Chicago and T-boned my car and me; and in late 2012, my car (a new one) and I were slammed into by a different young lady while I was stopped at a different red light on Lake Shore Drive, also in downtown Chicago, but I only suffered a herniated disc in my neck and a concussion. I'm still practicing corporate tax law after 42+ years at Mayer Brown in Chicago—probably for one more year—with an expertise that interests no one except other tax lawyers. Having, sadly, lost our 22-year-old cat a few months ago, my wife Maryann and I expect to spend free time this summer cruising our mid-sized Maine-built powerboat around Lake Michigan. Next March, I expect to return to Sag Harbor, L.I., to host a 100th birthday party for my amazing mom who still lives on her own, drives (but not while texting), cooks up a storm, and does the *New York Times* puzzle every day. I never see anyone from Middlebury; I never sing (as I did in the D-8 and Arthur M. Brown Memorial Swimming Pool); and I never play the trumpet. Those are all bad/sad developments. Maybe post-retirement." • **Gale McFedries** writes, "I am now retired from full-time work and have enjoyed some wonderful traveling (to Doha, Qatar, to see my sister; to Germany with my husband on business; to France to visit friends and drink wine around Bordeaux; to NYC with high school friends). I have a part-time job, three mornings a week,

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at our local library, one of my favorite places to be. Also, I enjoy picking my eight-year-old granddaughter up from school and minding her until my daughter gets home from work a couple of days a week. The biggest challenge is staying fit, and a water aerobics class helps, as does walking around the library. Hopefully, all our classmates are enjoying life as much as I am—it's always fun to read about our fellow Middlediddle students and even more fun to see them. Of course I plan to be at the 50th reunion (2018 seems very far away)!"

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REUNION CLASS Class of '69 preparations for our 45th, June 6–8, have been in full swing. About a dozen of us met at the College and with David and Magna Leffler '68 Dodge for dinner. You all should have received not only messages from the College, but from one of our classmates encouraging you to rejoin, remeet, or meet anew others who shared space and time during the '60s. Using social media, we have extended the reconnection. We hope you will check out the class's Facebook page before reunion to see who's coming (www.facebook.com/middleburycollege). We had an outstanding 25th because so many returned. It's not only what you will get from the experience but what you will bring. Please come. • Seth Pincus continues his research into cures for infectious disease. A professor of pediatrics at LSU, his lab is at Children's Hospital in New Orleans. He and Clara (Johnson) '71 have a son who is now teaching at Washington Univ. in St. Louis. Their daughter is an attorney in Salt Lake. Seth is also in the midst of biking across the country in stages with only the Midwest left, and by now he will have once again completed a Mardi Gras parade with their Crewe. • Linda Eakeley Duncan recently retired from teaching in New Jersey and moved to a condo in Alexandria, Va., where she still swims and spends time with half of her grandchildren. Canadian for a while, she has once again become an American. Her other daughter and family live in British Columbia. • Congratulations to Peter Harris, whose book of poetry, *Freeing the Hook,* came out from Deerbrook Editions this past fall. He is the Zacamy Professor in English at Colby College and chairs the art dept. Also, to quote the Deerbrook Editions website: "Among other things (and these really qualify him to be a poet), he's worked as a doodlebugger in an oil search crew for Citgo, a line worker in an artificial Christmas tree filament factory, a cabin boy on a yacht, crew on a shrimp boat in Honduras, a kitchen worker and pot washer, and an assembler in a fancy box factory."

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Ginger Ward reports that she is selling her home in Falls Church, Va., and moving to Reno, Nev., where she and husband Tom own a home. She saw Lyn Basehore Cioci and husband Ray as they all visited Steve Kohl '71 in the D.C. area in October. Ginger further reported that on Jan. 1 they headed out on a trip to Australia and New Zealand. They were even planning a few days at the Australian Open. She has never attended a major tennis championship and was really looking forward to it. • Jeff Sturges, who is the president & CEO of RESOLUTE Racing Shells in Bristol, R.I., sent this report from the Head of the Charles Regatta (HOCR) in October: "We had a good weekend. RESOLUTES broke three HOCR records (Radcliffe, Brown, and Palm Beach RC) and our International Super 8 Ladies won the Championship Eights, beating the U.S. National Team (which was in a German boat) by 1.2 seconds." • Sue Porter Beffel reports: "My big news this past year was my retirement from the Department of State. Retirement means more time for what I enjoyed all along—music and campouts with folk club friends; walks in the woods; stream monitoring; farm market and other Lions Club fellowship; the Hypothermia Shelter, Beach Retreat, and book discussions; and visits with daughter Amanda—good meals, yoga, shopping, and occasionally seeing her ride Indie, the mare she acquired last December. And I have time for new activities—hiking with local groups, sailing on the Potomac and Chesapeake, contra dancing, conducting training on managing diabetes, and skiing. Plus I have time for travel—to Staunton, Va., Charlotte, N.C., and Clearwater, Fla., to Darien, Conn., and northern Massachusetts, to Orange County, Calif., to Syracuse, N.Y., and Burlington, Vt., and, lately, visiting local wineries with folk-club friends. Wishing you all good health and good company!" • We received this news from Stuart Parnes and Sue Ellen Thompson: "As you know, we have had a commuter marriage for a little over three years. But the end is in sight: Stuart will be retiring this June from the Connecticut Humanities Council and, with luck, we will finally be able to sell our beautiful old house in Mystic and downsize to our two little houses, the one in Oxford, Md., and the one on Texas Falls Rd. in Hancock, Vt. It hasn't been easy, but it hasn't been awful, either. I think we were both so happy when he got his dream job that we decided to do whatever it took to make things work. I've continued to mentor adult poets here in Maryland and teach poetry workshops on both shores of the Chesapeake Bay as well as in D.C. But enough already! We're ready to try living together again." • Pam Penfold sent this update from Boulder, Colo.: "First there was the 2010 fire in my canyon west of Boulder, then the 2011 flood of black water, trees, and other yuck—no damage to my place, until this past September. We had 18 inches of rain over five days, which caused havoc all over the front range and out to the eastern Colorado plains. I woke up on the second day of the deluge to see two of the three cords of firewood I'd just had delivered floating in the pond. My house was surrounded by water and, other than two inches of muck in my carport, the house was amazingly fine. But with more rain on the way, I packed some stuff and my dog and moved to my sister's house in eastern Boulder. When I came back to see what was happening a couple of days later, my pond was gone and filled in with fallen trees, gravel, sand, and muck. As our old buddy Blossom (Susan Blume White '68) wrote (as did James Taylor), fire, rain—what pestilence is next? Hope the third one is the charm, but with global climate change, who knows? Otherwise I'm enjoying the retired life of golf and reading and gardening, even though it wasn't the best of timing to retire just before the Great Recession. Come visit if you're in Boulder!" • From California Kate Mead shared this news: "Husband Marty and I continue to enjoy our retirement. Last summer was busy with a two-week cycling trip in the San Juan Islands with a group of friends. We were all self-contained on our bikes, making catching the ferries from island to island much easier. We followed that with two Road Scholar trips to Switzerland, 'Seeing Switzerland by Rail,' and 'Hiking around Mont Blanc.' I recommend them both. It's fun seeing John Fiske and wife Patsy frequently as we all try to stay in shape swimming at our mutual swim club in Santa Barbara." • Anne Keiser sent this update: "Doug and I took an amazing expedition cruise to Indonesia in October, exploring the islands of Java, Borneo, and Sulawesi. One of the expedition guides was a wonderful woman, Kit Van Wagner '93, who majored in environmental studies. She was the only American guide on board the *Orion*; all the others were Australian because the ship was Australian. Starting in 2014 *Orion* will join the National Geographic/Lindblad fleet. Kit was great fun, incredibly knowledgeable and always cast an amazing spin on everything we were observing and experiencing. She was an enormous asset to our trip and a great ambassador for our school. It was a wonderful coincidence showing you never know whom you will meet or where from the Midd world!"

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We talked with Steve Caldwell in Washington State, where for the past 29 years he and wife Susan have enjoyed the small, close community of Vashon Island in Puget Sound. Their sons, Charlie and Spencer, are now both grown and living in Seattle. Steve and Susan are semiretired. Steve continues to do custom-design fine woodworking at his shop at home and Susan substitute-teaches in the schools where she worked for many years. Birding has been a natural interest from their house high on an east-facing bluff. Steve has taught "birding by ear" with the island's Audubon Society chapter. It's a skill he shared on an early Sunday morning hike at our last class

reunion—highly recommended for future class gatherings! In the last few years, he and Susan have vacationed in Mexico in the winter, where he says the birding is "out of this world!" Steve adds, "I was saddened to learn of **Tom Stasz**'s battle with myelofibrosis and his eventual passing. Tom and I were roommates freshman and sophomore years, and I have many fond memories. I remember being in culture shock as I traveled east and arrived at Middlebury for the first time. Tom took me in as a friend and a member of his band of athletes and buddies. Our musical tastes were at odds, so we split time between his Simon and Garfunkel and my Miles Davis and Charles Lloyd. Together we struggled through calculus freshman year before he became a star in chemistry and biology, and I found my way to the art department. He taught me some of his beloved soccer and hockey, talked about and raced 'field cars,' and spoke lovingly of Bird Beck '70, while being a little fearful about her father's approval of their engagement. I will long remember Tom's kindness, generosity, enthusiasm, and love of life." He continues, "We were delighted in September by a visit from **Lisa Cannon** and husband David Johnson. I had not seen Lisa for 39 years, but she and David were making a trip to Seattle. Susan and I welcomed them to Vashon Island for a nice lunch, some catching up, and a short tour. They took an interest in my photos of Northwest birds, including the spruce grouse, black-backed woodpecker, and Northern spotted owl. David and Lisa have recently retired to a farmhouse on Chincoteague Island on the Virginia coast, and we agreed that a visit to their island in the coming year was in order." • We followed up with **Lisa Cannon**. She and David moved to Chincoteague after living outside Washington, D.C., for 35 years. After college, Lisa worked on Capitol Hill in diverse departments and jobs, putting to use her wide range of talents—from research, legislative, and organizational skills to speechwriting and lobbying. As her family grew, she became the kind of high school English teacher who enjoyed the challenges of teaching all students at all levels. Now retired after 20 years of teaching, she writes, "It was a joy to visit Steve and Susan's Puget Sound home, filled with beautiful works of art and furniture Steve has made. Friends from the D.C. area ask me how I can take living here in a small fishing community. It is an extreme contrast. There is one funky grocery store, a few gas stations and restaurants, which are mostly empty in the off-season. But for me, living here has been a necessary emptiness: The stark beauty of the salt marshes, the wild beach, and the lack of easy distractions have helped me find a more creative inner space. I've been writing poetry, essays, and plays—even a few dramas based on local history that played to a sold-out audience at the old theater! (Not many distractions, remember?) This has been unexpected and joyful, and it suggests that there is life without Trader Joe's after all." • Back in Vermont, the Class of '71 made an impressive showing on Dec. 28 at the 44th annual Harvey S. Ramshackle Memorial Ascent of Mt. Abraham. The climb, first performed by a few of our number in 1970 while we were undergraduates, has become a New Year's week tradition. Making the snowy three-mile trek up from Lincoln Gap this year were Ramshackle veterans **Francie Marbury**, **Brent Seabrook**, **John Baker**, **Carolyn Ungberg Olivier** and husband Jim '72, **Martha Murray**, **John Gambell**, **Abi Procter Sessions** and husband Bill '69, and first-timer **Rob Waters**. Over the years, various friends and offspring have joined the climb. The 2013 contingent numbered 37 (probably a record) and included for the first time members of a third generation—Abi and Bill's grandchildren Livia (11) and Hayden (8). They were, of course, the first to reach the summit. • **Susan Secord** retired from teaching in June 2013, and she and husband Chris took a two-month retreat to walk the 500-mile pilgrimage route of the Camino de Santiago in northern Spain, which she describes as "profound and truly a highlight of my life." In the past year, she has also created a Climate Change Small Group Ministry, which has led to an association with a national nonpartisan group working toward a common goal of a sustainable climate.

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Anneliese "Huggy" Schultz teaches Italian at the Univ. of British Columbia—"Green Italian." She explains, "Because to my mind sustainability trumps everything, I tie my courses into the Italian love of food and connection to the land. We take a field trip to the amazing UBC farm, I do an in-class climate change teach-in (in which Middlebury's Bill McKibben figures prominently), and students learn about the Italian, and now worldwide, Slow Food movement." She also assigns presentations on sustainability-related films or books, "and believe me, a *Pocahontas* puppet show in Italian is something to see!" When not teaching, Anneliese is writing—stories, poetry, translations, and most recently novels. Her work has garnered several recent honors, including the 2013 Enizagam Literary Award in Fiction, the 2013 Good Read Novel Competition at *A Woman's Write*, and the Meringoff Fiction Award from the Assoc. of Literary Scholars, Critics, and Writers. Her story, "Child," was nominated for a Pushcart Prize. Other stories were finalists in the 2012 Surrey International Writers' Conference Storytellers Award and Wild Leaf Press Short Story competitions. She is now at work on the second novel in a young-adult series set in a climate-changed world. She is still seeking a great agent to market her work! Anneliese fills any spare time by attending events organized by her musician son, Kala. • Congratulations to **Jennifer Hamlin Church**, who was honored by Siena Heights Univ. at Homecoming in the fall with the Honorary Alumni Award. She has shaped the university's alumni program for the past 18 years. The award is presented to non-alumni who demonstrate exceptional commitment to and support for the mission and spirit of the university. She writes, "It really was very exciting, and humbling, to be named an honorary alumna of Siena Heights. (My late husband was a Siena graduate, as is my oldest daughter.) My mother, sister, and brother (Sam Hamlin '77) came from New England for the awards ceremony, which made it especially exciting. I am proud, now, to call myself not just a Panther and a Golden Gopher, but also a Saint!" She adds, "I enjoyed a winter reunion with **Mark** and **Sally Davidson Foster** when they decided, on the spur of the moment, to drive from Minnesota to Michigan for my 'Almost Epiphany Party.' We had a grand time that lasted longer than expected when the first storm of 2014 hit the Midwest. Scrabble, a snowman, Midd memories, and Armenian apricot soup: never was it more pleasant to be snowbound!"

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Correspondent **Deborah Schneider Greenhut** reports: I'm sorry to begin with two sad events following our 40th reunion. We note with regret the passing of **Lois Ongley** and **Pamela Klimenok Parsons**. Lois was a professor of geochemistry at Unity College in Maine, and, while teaching, she also traveled to Bangladesh to organize low-cost chemistry education packets on behalf of Chemists Without Borders. Pamela was a Tupperware and Jafra Cosmetics agent for over 30 years in the Northampton, Mass., area, as well as a certified master gardener for over 15 years. Our sympathies are extended to their families. • **Lance Collister** sent me the most detailed update ever. (Does that bring out everyone else's competitive spirit?) Lance wrote, in part, "This has been a very exciting year for me! First and foremost, my metastatic melanoma has not returned, and I have been graced with another wonderful year on this earth, for which I am unbelievably grateful. And my cat, Taji, is responding very well to her twice-daily insulin shots, so she also is still purring with delight. Two of the activities that continue to take up much of my time are singing and ham radio moonbounce communications. For the past decade, I have been very involved in coordinating 50 MHz moonbounce activities around the world and helping new operators become active. Much of this effort has only been possible since the advent of the Internet and e-mail. Now, instead of relying on shortwave communications, I rely primarily on my Web page to teach and help people. Last February, I set off on a monthlong adventure to French-owned Clipperton Island, 1,500 miles south of the Baja Peninsula in Mexico. After 10 days traveling from San Diego on a chartered fishing boat, we reached

Clipperton, the only atoll in the eastern Pacific Ocean. The little island is deserted except for over 100,000 masked boobies plus tens of thousands of brown boobies, frigate birds, and crabs—and the rats that infested the island after a Mexican tuna boat crashed on the reef 10 years ago. I spent most of my time bouncing 50 MHz radio signals off the moon to ham radio operators in distant lands. There are videos from the adventure on YouTube, and links to them and many photos on my W7GJ Internet homepage and my Facebook page. I have given presentations at three ham radio conventions so far, and French public TV aired a special about the operation in January. It was the adventure of a lifetime, visiting and operating from a deserted island, surrounded by so many 'outdoor pets.' Plans are in the works for another trip to a remote spot on the South Pacific in 2014—stay tuned! Of course, the highlight last June was returning to Vermont for our 40th reunion. It was great visiting with old classmates and talking with many for the first time. While at Midd, I was mostly a shy recluse, spending my time working on two theses and hiding out much of the time doing projects in the old science building. My favorite moments last June were singing with the reunion choir and Dr. Emory Fanning. The two years I spent singing in the college choir were probably some of the most memorable of my college life and formed much of who I am today. I had the good fortune to be able to participate in Eric Whitacre's Virtual Choirs 3 and 4, the latter being presented to the Queen of England last summer. I am sure that is the only way I will ever have an audience with the Queen! I was accepted into the Disney World of Color Honor Choir, which appears in a virtual performance at the beginning of the amazing World of Color show at Disney World! I was also accepted to sing with Eric Whitacre in person at Lincoln Center in NYC in March. I've been trying to keep up my sight-reading by singing in Missoula's Holy Spirit church choir, Symphony Chorale, and will sing in the *Messiah* performance fundraiser for the U of M music school and the International Choral Festival Thanksgiving weekend." • **Dick Bayer** wrote to me about receiving the first annual Chairman's Award from the Lean Construction Institute in October: "I was the interim executive director of LCI for two-and-a-half years (quite an interim) and am now officially the interim executive director emeritus. It's been fun and we're actually moving the needle in how construction projects are delivered in the country. I started working on Parkland Hospital (the replacement for the one where JFK died in Dallas) two-and-a-half years ago. Using lean construction techniques, we've decreased resources on that project by almost 50 percent with no loss of schedule time. We've had similar successes all over the globe. On December 4, the National Building Museum presented LCI with its 11th Innovation in Construction award (former winners include Frank Gehry and I. M. Pei). Like I said, it's been fun." In an interview published in *The Military Engineer,* July–August 2013, Dick explained, "A company has to be a living, breathing laboratory of learning." • I am delighted to welcome **Lindy Osterland Sargent** (tlsarg@comcast.net) to the correspondent spot that I am leaving this year. It is all the more poignant to me because Lindy and I were pen pals in middle school, and we found ourselves living across the hall in Batt North, so our writing acquaintance has lasted around half a century. I am off to a new adventure as a traveling contract trainer for several companies, and I look forward to continuing to read everyone's news. I've enjoyed keeping in touch, and hope you will all continue. A growing number of members from our class check in on our Facebook page. I hope to see you there!

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75 **Anne Thompson Miller** writes, "As I've experienced ever since some of our earliest class reunions, I'm a bit out of synch with many of my classmates. I remember coming to the earliest reunions where I had one of the few babies, and I've since sat at a banquet where I was thinking of my adventurous, thoroughly scraped teenaged daughter as many were leaving the table to tend and feed their first babies. Now there are comments about 'almost empty nesters' as I try to keep up with three children, two of them married, and my eight grandchildren, ages 11 to three months. After many years of trying to make it happen, the celebration of my 60th birthday in May of 2013 finally brought several friends together in Atlanta for a Middlebury town and gown mini-reunion. College staff member Martha Baldwin, **Theresa Johnson**, and **Marybeth Metzger** spent four lovely days at the Miller Spa in Lilburn, Ga., relaxing, talking, and seeing the sights of Atlanta. Life has its typical ups and downs, and we are now exploring what things are like with me still working while my husband has just retired."

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76 Correspondent **Gene O'Neill** reports: **Jim Sterngold**, a senior writer at the *Wall Street Journal*, is happily welcoming the positive reception to the new book he coauthored, *On the Cancer Frontier: One Man, One Disease, and a Medical Revolution* (PublicAffairs). Written with Paul A. Marks, MD, the president emeritus of the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, the book was said to be "on a level with Lewis Thomas for its clarity and verve," by Kirkus Reviews, and the *Scientific American* put it on its recommended book list. It examines the distance scientists have traveled in understanding the biology of cancer and the promise that knowledge offers of improving outcomes in cancer treatment. The book places emphasis on developing better methods for early diagnosis in improving cancer survivor rates. This is the second book by Jim, previously a correspondent at the *New York Times*. • The polar vortex produced a peep from Canada in February. **George Tooley** is alive and well, and when free, will update me with his antics over the past 38 years.

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77 David Littlefield, Stewart Professor Emeritus of English, sent a note about his daughter-in-law, **Karen Stolley**. A professor of Spanish at Emory Univ., Karen has published *Domesticating Empire: Enlightenment in Spanish America.* Through the work of five authors, the book explores 18th-century Latin American culture and the Ibero-American Enlightenment.

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78 **Blethyn Hulton** and wife Joanna are published! Their book, *Parent Fatigue Syndrome*, is now available at printshopcentral.com/blog. Blethyn writes, "It has always been a dream of Joanna's to write a book combining what she knows

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about child development and psychoanalysis." He and Joanna have been "talking about the book" since they met 10 years ago; they believe they have now created "an accessible parenting-psychology book for non-psychologists." Blethyn served as editor. • From Portland, Ore., transplanted East Coaster **Dick Eaton** writes, "We've been here a bit over two years and love it!" Dick's work at Leapfrog Innovations remains "challenging and fulfilling, particularly now that I spend the majority of time working with business/organization leaders as an executive coach." Dick also continues to paint, play with clay, volunteer, practice Reiki, and enjoy the great outdoors. • **Wendy King Bellows** has been in Arizona since 1986 and checked in from Queen Creek (near Phoenix): "I work for Pearson where I am a technical writer on a team that responds to RFPs (Requests for Proposals). It's stressful work, but I'm happy to be working full time, with benefits, unlike so many. Still in my first and only marriage. We have two children, ages 26 and 23." • Also out West is **Lee Hill**, who is training for an Olympic Triathlon. "It's the same one I did last year, raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. I have friends and family who have battled leukemia or lymphoma and this is my way of making a difference." • From the heartland, **Kathryn Allwarden Cruz-Uribe** writes, "After spending almost six years as provost and VP of academic affairs at California State Univ., Monterey Bay, my husband and I moved last July to Richmond, Ind., where I have taken a position as the chancellor of Indiana Univ. East and he is a professor of history." In January, their daughter married a Middlebury grad (Greg Harkay '07) at the Trapp Family Lodge. "We regularly see **Annie Cappuccino**, who visited us recently at our new home." • Congratulations to **Joyce Maroney**—senior director of customer experience and services marketing at Kronos—who was honored by the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts in November for making a positive impact in her career and community. • Making an impact on the other side of the globe is **Wendell Fleming**, who traveled to Cambodia with son Luke Cunningham '11, to help Global Dental Relief, whose mission is to provide free dental care to children around the world. Volunteer dentists, hygienists, assistants, and non-dental volunteers deliver treatment and preventive care in dental clinics that serve children in schools, orphanages and remote villages.

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79 REUNION CLASS We were pleased to receive an update from **Mike Miller**! Mike and his wife Beth, a pediatric nurse practitioner, were married in 1983. Daughter Erin Anne graduated from Northwestern Univ. in 2008 and from the medical school at Case Western Univ. in 2012. She is a second-year resident in the plastic and reconstructive surgery program at the Univ. of Washington in Seattle. Daughter Kathryn Lee '13 works for a Rochester legal aid service and is contemplating grad/law school. Son Andrew Ryan is a junior at Colgate studying economics and philosophy with an eye toward business and/or law. Mike writes, "Beth and I are both well. I am in my 10th year of a daily 75-mile commute to my radiology practice at the Kaleida Health System in Buffalo, where we cover three hospitals and a number of private imaging ventures in western New York. We are adapting to a partially empty nest, doing some traveling, and looking forward to life without tuition payments!" • **Kerry Wing Thompson** and husband Tom share a strong commitment to the welfare of our planet and its sustainability for future generations. They tackle environmental issues that affect our quality of life and basic requirements such as healthy air, healthy food, and clean water. Since 2010, the Thompsons have been facilitators for New England Pachamama Alliance Community. In 2013 they, along with other facilitators, demonstrated at the Brayton Point Coal Plant in Somerset, Mass., to bring attention to the possibility of harmful pollutants and the dangers of fossil fuels. For Kerry and Tom, being protectors of the environment has led to personal and spiritual growth and the opportunity to build a larger community of dedicated individuals. • **John MacKenna** made his first skydive last summer and did it in Vermont, just a few miles from campus at Vermont Skydiving Adventures in West Addison. John jumped with his wife, Sarah Mraz, who was the instigator. "I wouldn't have done it on my own, but I loved it. What a rush!" John and Sarah were married in 2007. She is a Vermont native and granddaughter of Charles Mraz, the renowned Middlebury beekeeper and bee venom therapist. • **Todd Williams** tells us that life has been eventful since graduating from Middlebury! He has held a research associate position at a firm in Meriden, Conn., attended grad school in Maine, and received his postdoc from UC Berkeley. Wife Kristi is a professor of nursing at the Univ. of Iowa. Daughter Leah and son Aaron are engineers and son Zack is a graphic designer in the Denver area. Todd says, "I have been director of the Mass Spectrometry core facility at the Univ. of Kansas for almost 25 years and the position still keeps me engaged!" In 2013, Todd was a recipient of the KU Research Achievement Award. The award is the highest honor given annually to a full-time academic staff researcher working in a department or research center on KU's Lawrence Campus. • The *Idaho Mountain Express and Guide* reports that **Baird Gourlay** received the largest number of votes in his bid for re-election for a fourth term to the Ketchum City Council. According to the newspaper, "Gourlay, a co-owner of PK's Ski and Sports, said he remains dedicated to public service and will continue to work on improving the city's government." • **Dede Cummings** sends news from Brattleboro, Vt., where she is at work on a collection of her poetry! Dede is a book designer, literary agent, publisher, and commentator for Vermont Public Radio. In 2013 she was heard on the radio by Krissy Pozatek '96. Dede signed Pozatek to her fledgling agency, the Dede Cummings Literary Agency, whereupon Krissy's new book, *Brave Parenting*, was sold in 24 hours to Wisdom Publications in Boston. The agency has grown since then, including a book auction for Shannon Galpin's story *Mountain to Mountain: An Adventurer's Journey for the Women of Afghanistan*, and other titles. When one title, a children's alphabet book called *The Bird Book* didn't sell, Dede decided to publish it herself. *The Bird Book* came out last October to much acclaim! The new publishing company, Green Writers Press, has signed nine books so far, including the noteworthy *So Little Time: Words and Images for a World in Climate Crisis*, edited and published by Dede. The release was scheduled for February 11 (with a percentage going to 350.org and local affiliates) with a foreword by Middlebury's own John Elder, and an envoy by Bill McKibben. Other Middlebury poets featured in the book include Jay Parini, Gary Margolis, and Julia Alvarez. One of the book's main photographers is Steven Brock '80. According to *Publishers Weekly*, it is "a book of eloquent testimony, in poetry and image, to the mystery and beauty immanent in nature, now so desperately imperiled. Like all art, it asks that we look up and see." • **Pete Rittenhouse** writes, "I've been doing triathlons for a number of years now, but I also enjoy racing in duathlons (a run-bike-run format) because it eliminates that pesky swim leg. Last October I competed in the National Duathlon Age Group championships in Tucson, Ariz. (3 mile run–22 mile bike–3 mile run). By placing 13th in my age group, I qualified to represent the U.S. at the World Duathlon Age Group championships in June in Pontevedra, Spain. Racing has the dual action of keeping me young and reminding me how old I am at the same time." Pete will be unable to attend reunion, but we wish him the best of luck in Spain! • I (**Alice Lee Openshaw**) am enjoying my work at Mid-Maine Adult Education. I teach literacy classes for adults and counsel students who have returned to school to earn their GED or high school diploma, sometimes after years or decades out of school. I also serve on the board of Literacy Volunteers of Bangor, a great organization that trains tutors to work one-on-one with people who want to learn English or improve their reading skills. My husband, Tom, is a hematologist-oncologist, and we have lived in Hampden, Maine, for almost 25 years. We have three daughters, and last year we became grandparents! Laura (29) is a legal aid/family law attorney in the Boston area, married, and the mother of beautiful little Ruthie. Maria (27) is finishing a master's in nursing at UCSF and will begin practice as a certified nurse-midwife in the fall,

hopefully in New England. Caroline (24) is a third-year medical student at Albany Medical College. • Hope to see you all on campus June 6–8 for our reunion!
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In September **Rosie Agnew LaBonte**, **Tricia Harris Gleicher**, **Joan O'Brien**, **Linda Loeb Bearman**, **Laura LaFever Armour**, Martha Bryan '81, **Anna Gebelein Keegan**, **Pam Blake Kates**, and **Norah Wallace Sullivan** met up for a weekend in New York. They all went to a Broadway show of *Pippin*—a favorite musical recalling a few girls' Saturday nights at Middlebury. Norah kindly arranged tickets for the entire crew. • In November **Sally Biggar Terrell** hosted a mini-reunion that included **Sue Follett Panella**, **Kris Mix**, **Judy Kula Walklet**, **Connie Wilson Enniss**, and **Annie Cowherd Kallaher** at her home in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. In May 2013, Sally also opened her heart to her first grandchild. Sally has worked for the past six years as an advocate for children of neglect and abuse via the nationwide Casa program. She was also planning in January to participate in a new clinical study at the Cleveland Clinic about the effects of exercise on Parkinson's disease. • **Sue Panella** serves on the Boston board of the Peer Health Exchange, a national nonprofit. Husband Mark is sharing coaching duties with **Don Roach** at a local high school. Sue gets back to campus on a regular basis to visit daughter Leslie '15, as Sue is also serving on the Midd Annual Fund Executive Committee. • **Judy Walklet** continues to work in business development for Communispace, a consumer collaboration and innovation agency, as she has for the past seven years. She's preparing to send her first daughter off to college with her second soon to follow, while husband Jack is launching his new business as a personal historian. • **Connie Ennis** and husband John were treated to a surprise party by their children on the occasion of their 30th wedding anniversary. • **Annie Kallaher** works in publishing paper sales for Central National-Gottesman in New York. She continues to participate in triathlons locally and on the eastern tip of Long Island where she and husband Ric enjoy spending time. Joyfully she reports that the renovation on her coastal Connecticut home, while adding construction knowledge to her resume, is coming to a close. During construction, Annie was in touch with **Paul Turco**, whose council and construction guidance was "priceless." Annie adds, "Please join me in thanking **Susie Rohardt Strater** for her 13 years of diligent work as class correspondent. Also please welcome our two new correspondents, **Annie Hartmann Philbrick** and **Robin Howe**. Please write to any or all of us with your news. For more news and photos, check out our page on Facebook: Middlebury College Class of 1980 Alumni.
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Jim Taylor writes, "My consulting practice encompasses business, sport, and parenting. My time is spent consulting, speaking, and writing. I'm the author of 14 books and blog weekly for *Huffington Post* and *Psychology Today*." • This past year **David Waters** marked the 21st anniversary of Pie in the Sky, the Thanksgiving pie sale he created to benefit Community Servings, Massachusetts' nutrition program for the critically ill, where he is CEO. Dubbed "the world's greatest bake sale," Pie in the Sky sold 17,000 pies and raised over $600,000 last year to benefit the free meals program. David has been with Community Servings for over two decades. Community Servings is a nonprofit that home delivers thousands of medically tailored meals each week to critically and chronically ill patients. To learn more, visit www.servings.org.
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Don't forget to join the Middlebury College Class of 1982 Facebook group. Just go to the group page and click "Join" to reconnect with classmates, share your news, and keep posted on Midd goings-on! • Speaking of reconnecting, the Class of '82 had a strong showing in December at the Middlebury San Francisco holiday "do" at the Contemporary Jewish Museum. In attendance were **Lisa Kissinger Kaplan**, **Jib Martens**, **Greg Murphy**, **RJ Hake**, **Nancy Rielle**, and **Beth Stelluto Dunaier**. • **Michael Kountze** was named VP, business development officer with the Business Banking Group of Wells Fargo Bank in San Antonio, Texas. Primary responsibilities are to provide equipment and real estate loans to small and mid-size companies. He encourages classmates to contact him if they have a business need or just want to catch up (210.237.2893) and Michael.Kountze@wellsfargo.com. • Lee Daniels, MA French '88, sent information about **Charlie Noyes**, who has been a longtime art instructor at Hotchkiss School in Salisbury, Conn. In 2009, near the school's campus, he formed the 280-acre Fairfield Farm, which provides organic produce and livestock to the school and community, and gives students a chance to work on the farm and learn practical skills in sustainable agriculture. Check out a photo on page 66. • **Emma "Raleigh" Mayer**, a.k.a the Gravitas Guru, is now the executive presence correspondent for the Glass Hammer, an online community designed for women executives in financial services, law, and business. Emma also coaches and trains clients of both genders on communication skills and reputation management and continues to serve on the board of the Financial Women's Assoc. Her website, www.raleighmayer.com, provides executive resource articles as well as sample videos of her programs if you'd like to get some tips or see her in action. Emma writes, "Who would have predicted that an English major with a theater minor would find her tribe on Wall Street!" • **Andrew Wilson** reports, "I am enjoying my seventh year as Headmaster of Grier School, a boarding school for girls in Central Pennsylvania. Grier now has 264 boarding students and 37 day students so it has become a fairly big school in recent years. When I arrived to be Spanish teacher in 1986, there were 117 students. To help achieve this growth, part of my work has been to go and find the students, which means I travel extensively, both in the U.S. and overseas. I enjoy seeing Middlebury alumni when I get the chance. One of my daughters, Hope (16), told me just yesterday she thought she might apply for admission to Middlebury, which was very good news for me! I see one classmate, **Francois Lambert**, every day. He's the chairperson of our modern languages dept. here at Grier!" Andrew was planning to have dinner with **Andrew Kleit**, who is a professor at Penn State Univ. • **Lydia Mason Hill** writes, "My news is that I'm teaching English in Thailand at a private boarding school, where the students wear uniforms. We have morning assembly on the lawn, when we sing the national anthem (they sing) and raise the flag. I love teaching and the opportunity to find creative ways to teach a lesson. The town is in the northeastern region of the country on the Mekong River, which forms the border between Thailand and Laos. My son Mason is taking a semester off from Allegheny this spring and my daughter Mariah has returned to CMU. I hope to travel with her in May when we are both done with school! If anyone is keen on traveling to Thailand, you must let me know on FB! Best wishes to all." • **Timothy Bazemore** was named the next head of school at Catlin Gabel School in Portland, Ore., starting July 1. Currently he is the head of school at New Canaan Country School, a preschool through grade 9 coed school in Connecticut. • **Betsy Sweeney Backes** sent this sad news. "**Lissa McKinley** died on November 9 after a 17-year siege with cancer. She did more living, writing, and traveling during those years than most people do in a lifetime. As an internist and medical school dean, Lissa looked for ways to let her experience as a patient inform the ways in which medical students are taught. As a writer, Lissa shared her stories of remission, recurrence, and treatment with grace and honesty. Her passion for poetry was infectious. We have many classmates whose poetry-aversion was transformed into poetry-passion because of Lissa. One of Lissa's final wishes was to return to Vermont and kiss the ground in gratitude for her four years at Middlebury. Instead, members of the Class of '82 (**Kathy Havard**, **Betsy Conger**, **Margaret Miller**, **Mary Beth Litster Cockerham**, **Judy Osborn**, **Bobby Ritter**, **Charlie Robinson**, **Peter Campbell**, **Margo Rice Jay**, **Chris Kelley**, **Stu Richards**, and me)

turned out in force in purple high tops for Lissa's memorial service in Cleveland on November 20. She will be missed!"

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In her own words, because they were too great to edit, **Daphne Perry** says, "Hi everyone! It's been a while since I last wrote in or came to reunion—sorry to have missed the 30th. I was riding 140 miles on my bike to support the people who cared for me during my treatment for breast cancer and for those who couldn't ride. I'm one of the lucky ones whose cancer was caught on a regular mammogram. (I have been getting them yearly since I was 40—my grandmother died from breast cancer.) What made mine a bit more challenging was that the NONinvasive cancer was in two quadrants of my breast, so I needed a mastectomy. I chose bilateral since I didn't want to do it again in one year or five years. What we didn't know was that there was a nearly stage 2 tumor hiding in dense breast tissue. My daughter had just turned four. I'm coming up on my two-year anniversary of my diagnosis. I also had my ovaries and tubes out five months later after we found out I carried the BRCA2 gene, which put me at higher risk of developing ovarian cancer. Phew! No radiation needed (being over 50 has its advantages) and no chemo. Both carried more risks than benefits for my case. So there's my battle over the last two years. (And that after my dad died unexpectedly, and my mom had two lumpectomies for breast cancer, just one month before I was diagnosed—can you stand it?) But I'm on the better side and have a nearly six-year-old daughter who started kindergarten this year! Yup, most of you have kids who have either started college, or have graduated and you're empty nesters! I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to have a child (I was 47 when I had her and my pregnancy was great!) and I'm looking forward to the school years. I'm back riding my bike, hiking, camping, and really doing anything. The thing I'd like you women to come away with after this story is GET YOUR MAMMOGRAMS! Every year—don't miss. EVER! It literally saved my life! I'm still a physical therapist at the Univ. of Utah Burn Center, have been here for 20 years, and LOVE the team I work with. I made it back east last summer to Maine to see my sister in Cumberland, and then went to Long Island to my hubby Bill's family. Lots of cousins for McKenzie to play with and lots of beach time. I have loved growing a great garden and have a wonderful 11-year-old chocolate Lab/German short-haired pointer dog! What doesn't kill us makes us stronger, right? Keep on truckin' and smilin'!" • For **Maria Padian**, our terrific 30th reunion proved to be a catalyst for more reconnecting with classmates. The weekend after reunion she hopped on the ferry from Boston to Provincetown with **Mary Borah Gorman** and spent a few days at her family's home in Truro, Mass., where Mary kept her busy with kayaking, "beaching" (per Maria, with Mary, just going to the beach is a verb!) and loads of her great cooking. In August, she and her husband met up with freshman roommate **Amy Gabriel** for a great Maine dinner at the Dolphin Marina. Even when she isn't trying, she sees Middlebury people and former Battell hallmates (we are everywhere): for example, driving along I-95 in Maine last summer, she and her daughter got behind a van with Williston Academy and Middlebury stickers. "Mom, that's a Conroy!" daughter Madsy exclaimed. (She and Kevin Conroy are in the same class at Midd.) Sure enough, they drove alongside the van, saw it was **Monique Lucas Conroy** behind the wheel and waved! • Congratulations to **Mike Cahill**, who was elected mayor of Beverly, Mass., last November. • **Allegra di Bonaventura** is the author of *For Adam's Sake*, a book about the complexity of the master/slave relationship between Joshua Hempstead, a respected farmer and tradesman in New London, Conn., and his slave of 30 years, Adam Jackson. Allegra is assistant dean of Yale Univ. Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. • Now to catch you up on what we have been up to. I (**Allison**) am a partner at the law firm of Nutter McClennen and Fish in Boston where I specialize in white-collar criminal defense and government investigations. I'm married to Michael Leslie and we have four-year-old twin boys, Jake and Harry, who will hopefully keep me young! A special shout out to **Daphne Perry** and daughter McKenzie, who provided the inspiration and encouragement for late-in-life kids at our 25th reunion. • I (**Victoria**) will be splitting my time between Waitsfield, Vt., and Hanover, N.H., where I've taken on a new role as deputy director of alumni relations at Dartmouth College. I celebrated my 25th wedding anniversary with my husband with a visit to our son, who is studying in China, and then traveled on to Tibet.

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REUNION CLASS **Jeff Connolly** reports, "After 11 years fundraising for my high school alma mater, I have returned to my technology roots as a support account manager for McAfee. I still live in the Greater Boston area and look forward to the 30th reunion!" • **Henry Labalme** reports that he and Jeanne McMullin (Brown '89, Penn Law '93) left NYC a couple of years ago, taking their jobs and three daughters—Eve (15), Pia (13), and Sylvie Celeste (9) with them. "Living in rural Connecticut is great—not unlike VT—but I find I'm always looking for an excuse to travel someplace where there are a lot more people. I continue to develop and finance commercial solar projects in the Northeast and California, which seems to be a growing business—but I'm also fortunate to have a wife who works in finance." • **Doug Powell** was profiled on the UVM communications website talking about his journey through UVM's post-bac premedical program to med school to his current position as the first staff intensivist at Womack Army Medical Center at Fort Bragg. • **John Fairbairn** was recently promoted to VP, human resources at the New York office of the international engineering firm, Thornton Tomasetti. He's been at the firm since 2005.

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Please send us your news! We'd love to hear from you!

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Kate Tabner and **Michael Boardman** report that after almost 10 years in Minnesota, Michael decided to join JP Morgan as CEO of Chase Wealth Management in NYC. Michael will be commuting until June, and Kate, Samantha, Nick and Walker (their only true Minnesotan) will move in the summer. "Leaving Minnesota will be difficult as we have made so many wonderful friends and have had so many interesting and fun experiences. Samantha had already forged the path back east when she decided to attend Brooks last fall. A huge plus to the move will be being closer to her as well as both of our families. It is unclear where we'll wind up living—we're in the midst of the school search now. We look forward to spending more time with our East Coast friends once back but will miss so many things about Minnesota. In the meantime, we hope to get in lots of skating on our pond and other adventures here before the move." • **Melanie Montague Trent** was in NYC over Thanksgiving and was able to get together with **Laura Schlotman Erickson**, **Clint Johnson**, and **Kristin Tol-Tuzinkiewicz**. "My niece (Catherine McCarthy '09) was also there with quite a few of her Midd classmates, some of whom even gave a brief a cappella performance for the group. It was great to catch up with everyone." Melanie works for Rowan Companies, a contract drilling company in Houston. She is the chief administrative officer, handling human resources, IT, and communications and the corporate secretary (so she practices a little bit of law still too). It's challenging but very interesting. Her kids, Jack (12) and Ellie (16), are keeping her busy too! • **John Griffith** wants to let classmates know this update: "Dana, Claire (5), and I have moved from Franklin, Tenn., to Colts Neck, N.J. Last summer I left Battle Ground Academy to take another headship at Ranney School, a B-12 coeducational college prep school. We are enjoying the return to the Northeast, the new school community, and the Jersey Shore. We would love to connect with alumni in the area." •

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Congratulations to **Michael Paterniti's** *The Telling Room: A Tale of Love, Betrayal, Revenge, and the World's Greatest Piece of Cheese.* It made the "Top 25 Must-Read Food Memoirs of All Time" as listed by Grubstreet (*New York Magazine*). Check it out! • **Julie Morris Ogden** shared that one month after her 50th birthday, she'd be running her first marathon—in Boston!—to raise money for the Mass Eye and Ear Infirmary. Other than that, things remain the same: "We still live on campus at the Governor's Academy near Newburyport, Mass., where my husband, Steve, teaches; I still teach at the Pike School in Andover, Mass., where our son Christopher is in eighth grade; our son Malcolm is in 10th grade at Exeter." • We heard from **Domenic Ciarallo**, who was able to attend the Olympics in Sochi. Domenic has developed a sports-related dryer for drying wet, stinky hockey equipment and his corporation, Global Premiums, supports and sponsors the Canadian Women's Hockey League. He has forged relationships with numerous Canadian female hockey players so he went to Sochi as part of Friends & Family of Team Canada.

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87 **Nick Siewert** married Julyne Derrick on a beautiful September weekend on Shelter Island, N.Y. They live in Brooklyn, where Julyne is a journalist and health and beauty editor for About.com, and Nick is a senior consultant for Teaching Matters, a technology-focused education nonprofit that is providing desktop computers, educational software, family computer training, and free broadband access to more than 18,000 sixth graders and their families in 100 public middle schools across NYC. Among the wedding guests were **John Aymar**, **Tom Funk**, **Jeff Hanson**, **Don Hindman**, **Geoff Houghton**, **Jim Lilly**, **Dan Robb**, **Peter Stabler**, and **Alex Van Praagh**. • **Robert Barsanti** married Ruth Burday last June. Bob teaches English at Pittsfield High School in Massachusetts. He also writes a summer newspaper column, "Yesterday's Island," in Nantucket and has written three books about the island. The couple enjoyed a honeymoon on Kauai, Hawaii, and now live in Dalton, Mass. • A number of classmates caught **Martha Nissen Stabler**'s piece in the *Wall Street Journal*. "The College Admissions Passion Play" was a very funny take on an increasingly relevant topic for many of us. (And yes, the San Francisco-based Stablers were seen last summer making the Northeastern colleges tour.) • In January, **Isa Abislaiman** received a surprise visit in San Juan, Puerto Rico, by **Gehane El Sokkary**. Isa is an attorney and real estate appraiser, with her own law practice in San Juan. Gehane is a socioeconomist at the African Development Bank in Cairo. • **Cynthia Carter Roenisch** was re-elected to the board of trustees of Kentfield School District in California. • **David Havens** left RBS to join investment banking firm Imperial Capital as managing director and senior desk analyst. • **Vincent Ziccolella** died suddenly on June 27, 2013. He was 48. At the time of his death, he was senior corporate counsel at DSM, a global life sciences and material sciences company with U.S. headquarters in New Jersey. He is survived by wife Thea Bancroft-Ziccolella and children Crystal Mitten, Vincent Ziccolella III, and Bailey and Madasyn Bancroft. Vinny is fondly remembered by his classmates—he left us far too soon and he will be sorely missed.

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88 Good news to the '88ers living in the NYC area—**Denver Edwards** is returning the East Coast. After six years in the San Francisco area, Denver has been named partner at Bryant Rabbino, a boutique law firm in New York. Denver will head the restructuring practice and the securities enforcement and compliance practice at the 12-lawyer transactional firm. Good to have you back, Denver! • Another '88er taking on new responsibilities is **Ned Parsons**. This summer he will take over as head of school at the Rivers School in Weston, Mass. Ned spent 20 years at Loomis, serving since 2007 as the dean of faculty. The Rivers community is excited to welcome Ned, describing him in the press release as "a great educator and the consummate independent school professional." Ned and **Lisa (Suisman)** and their boys, Will and Charlie, will make the move to Weston this summer. Congratulations, Ned! • As reported in the winter issue, **Diana Stuart Sinton** is still working in the GIS world. She has also coauthored a book, *The People's Guide to Spatial Thinking,* published by the National Council for Geographic Education in Washington, D.C. Check it out on Amazon!

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89 **REUNION CLASS** Hope to see everyone at the 25th reunion on June 5–8!

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90 **Natana DeLong-Bas** sent word about her latest publication, *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Women,* which was released in October. She writes, "It is a two-volume collection with over 460 articles by more than 260 authors from around the world. Our goal was both to restore women to Islamic history and to examine contemporary issues, challenges, and accomplishments. The encyclopedia is part of a much broader project—Oxford Islamic Studies Online—which is the largest online resource on Islamic studies in the world. I continue to teach comparative theology for the theology dept. and the Islamic Civilizations and Societies Program at Boston College."

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91 **Dawn Blalock** and **Robin Wheeler Azqueta** and five other women summited Mt. Kilimanjaro in October and in so doing, raised $22,000 for Charity Water, which will pay for two new wells to be drilled in Ethiopia in a community serving 1,100 residents. They say they were both humbled and inspired by **Chris Waddell**'s Kilimanjaro summit success! • **D Jackson** shares that he and a group of his DKE brothers met for a weekend in Chicago in September. • In the fall **Dana MacGrath** joined Sidley Austin in NYC as counsel in the international arbitration practice. She is also an adjunct professor of law at Brooklyn Law School. • **Scott Krugman** writes that in October he received a Local Hero Award from the Council on Community Pediatrics at the American Academy of Pediatrics national convention in Orlando, Fla. He received it for the work he does in Maryland to reduce child abuse and neglect. He's the chair of the Dept. of Pediatrics at MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center, teaches at the Univ. of Maryland School of Medicine, and is the founder of the MedStar Franklin Square's Child Protection Team. He and wife **Lynn (Holley)** live in Lutherville, Md., with sons Daniel (9th grade) and Ryan (6th grade). • **Lucy Randolph Liddell** enjoyed a weekend in Boston with **Tracey Spruce**, **Sairey Leone Luterman**, and **Nicola Bradley Evans** in November. "We were able to attend the Red Sox World Series Parade, which was great fun."

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92 **Christine Beaudry Leithead** continues to administer a private preschool program in Burlington, Vt., where she lives with her husband and two children. • **Nick Hinge** was married to Antonia Opitz on August 3 in Belfast, Maine. Nick and Antonia happily live in Burlington, Vt. • **Courtney Mather** wrote from South Sudan, where she is on a six-month mission with Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF). She is working with the human resources team in the capital (Juba) but also gets to travel up to the MSF hospital in Agok. She's happy to be doing such rewarding work! • **Tammy Caruso Miller** writes that she and her husband opened a wine bar and art gallery in Portland's (Ore.) Pearl District last June. They own Cerulean Skies Winery and had opened their first tasting room in Hood River in 2010. • **Amy Gannett Morse** lives in Chestnut Hill, Mass., with her husband of 17 years, DJ, and daughters Ali (9) and Emily (4). She is a relationship manager and director, pension strategies at Wellington Management,

where she has worked since 1999. She writes that there are several Midd alums at Wellington, including fellow '92 grad **Des Havlicek**. • **Sara Garcia McCormick**, husband Alex, and daughters Vivian and Abigail are living in Montclair, N.J. She writes, "The girls are growing up so quickly—Vivian is 4 and Abby is 2 1/2. I'm proud to say that they have each skied at the Bowl—and probably better than I did that day! Somehow I've spent 15 years in the food industry and have spent a lot of my time with food scientists, in labs and in plants—but it's an interesting job and certainly keeps me busy. I miss seeing all of the Midd friends and look forward to getting together soon!" • **Jake Donavan** writes, "We remain in London although we escape to our olive farm in Spain for a break from the rain now and then when we can't take it any longer. Sofia is 17 believe it or not! She will be applying to college (yes, of course Midd) this fall. She is a very talented singer songwriter and has just launched her website—sofiaofficial.com. Check it out. Lucas is 13 and loves rugby and Grace is 9. Wife Gracia is doing well and is still very involved in the art and education world." • **Bruce Silverman** writes that his two-year-old veterinary hospital, CARF (Critical Animal Relief Foundation), in downtown Chicago "has been crazy-busy, and our new nonprofit foundation has been making a huge impact on saving the lives of countless unwanted, homeless animals." • **Ben Rosenfeld** is practicing police misconduct civil rights and criminal defense law in San Francisco. • **Christina Bethke Rodgers** reports that last summer she spent a fun-filled long weekend up at a vacation spot in Maine with **Patty Garffer**, husband Piers Lewis, and their beautiful children Matteo (3) and Veronica (1.5). In the fall she faced the onslaught of soccer season for three boys, Jack (15), Andrew (13), and Sam (10), and Coach **Bill**. "Bill and I have been in Portsmouth, N.H., for 14 years and love the town and proximity to many Midd friends! Our son Sam is great friends with Leo Swainbank (son of **Christine Bastianelli**) and they are in the same fifth grade class. Small world!"

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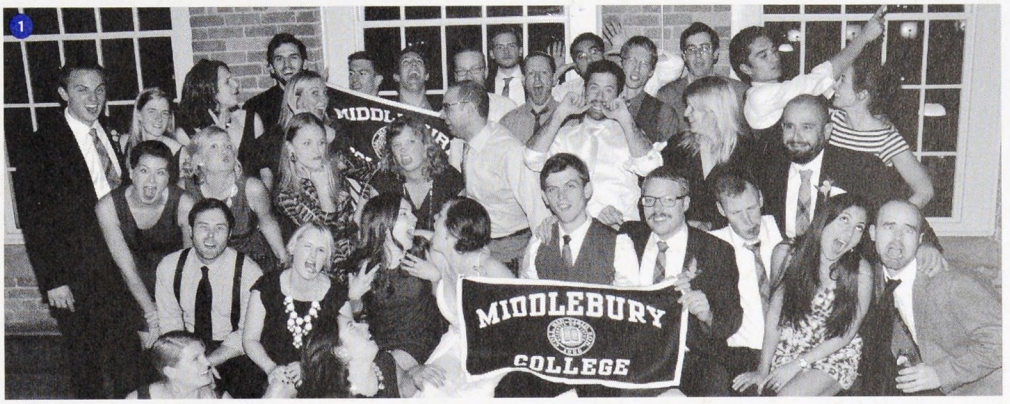
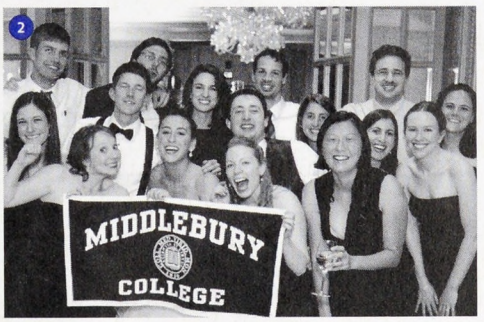
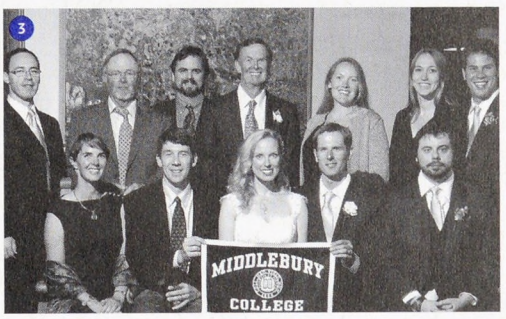
On September 7, **Josh Pepin** married Jennifer Kenyon in Harvard Square, Cambridge, Mass. Midd friends who attended included **Mike Nichols**, **Jon Hanlon**, and **Topher Smith**. • On December 20 **John Cocchiarella** married Robin Tomas at the Manhattan Marriage Bureau in NYC. John is a lawyer in the investment banking division of Citigroup and Robin is the owner and designer of *Tomas,* a line of women's clothing in New York. John writes, "If you google our names you'll see we're the couple du jour in Manila, Philippines. (Robin's mom is a famous actress in Asia so we're getting lots of press, mostly favorable, thank God.) Ah,







1 Ellen Whelan-Wuest '05 and Conor Stinson '06 were married in Durham, N.C., on November 10, 2012. A fun-loving group of Middlebury friends helped them celebrate: Allie Green '06, Andrew Bishop '05, Nicole Abrunzo '96, Leslie Gately '05, Nell Wright '05, the newlyweds, Buck Sleeper '05, Scott Guenther '06, Ayesha Dinshaw '07, Jono Newton '06, (second row) Maeve Whelan-Wuest '09, Rachel Joynes '05, May Boeve '06, Julia Proctor '06, Macy Johnson '05, Scott Kleiman '06, Sean Lena '06, Alison Lacivita '06, Ari Joseph '05, (third row) Peter Wolkowski '06, Angela Evancie '09, Megan James '05, Lucas Kavner '06, Nick Benjamin '05, Stephen Swank '05, Logan Duran '05, Josh Dihle '06, Phil Aroneanu '06, Tyler Kremberg '03, Daniel Houghton '04, Ben Golze '06, Sam Stevenson '05, and Emilia Sibley '06. 2 In Boston, Mass., Shimrit Paley '06 married Joshua Markette on November 10, 2012, at the Four Seasons Hotel: (all '06 unless noted) Liz Braunstein Jarit, the bride, Megan Guffin Barriger, Sangwha Hong '97, (second row) Rebecca Kaufman Sripada, the groom, Andrew Barriger, Nina Robinson '05, Megan Hickey Motley, (third row) Peter Prial '09, Elliott Turley, Alison Brady, Chris Waite '08, Kirsten Lundquist '11, Brian Abend, and Hayden Rockson, Italian School '04. 3 On September 29, 2012, Megan Leary and Brian Bethke '01 were married at Wölffer Estate Vineyard in Sagaponack, N.Y. Midd family and friends celebrated with them: Christina Bethke Rodgers '92, William Rodgers '92, the newlyweds, Brendan Donnelly '01, (second row) Dana Dunleavy '00, Robert Bethke '67, Peter Bethke '89, William Bethke '69, Kirsten Rohstedt Tobler '01, Lisa Rickmers '01, and David Koltai '01. 4 On September 1, 2012, Mike Alonzo '01 and Claire Darby were married at Hillside Gardens in Colorado Springs, Colo. Many Midd friends joined them for the celebration: (all '01 unless noted) Maressa Perreault '03, Jennifer Cupani Porter, the newlyweds, Abi Butler Marks '00, (second row) Yuriy Nevmyvaka, Mariah McKechnie-Fadziewicz, Benjamin Howe '03, Will Vaughan, Russ Costa, Chris Mitchell, Elizabeth Padgett Northrop, Jessica Monroe Vaughan '02, (third row) Dave Binnig, Tom Marks, Brian Northrop, Reid Porter, and Dauvin Peterson.

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1 My ice axes have become extensions of my body. They are what keep me attached to the mountain when I'm climbing, and they're what I fall back on if I slip and have to self-arrest. They work on ice, rock, or a mixture of the two.

2 I'm fascinated by Ray Kurzweil's claim that information technology is evolving at an exponential rate and that we are at the knee of the curve—approaching a singularity point where machine intelligence will reach human level and beyond.

3 The nylon rope is my first line of defense when I'm on a mountain. The "brotherhood of the rope" is crucial to climbing—it's my connection to my partner on the other side, a symbol of our trust. If I fall and my partner doesn't react, the rope won't save me.

4 When my dad passed away in 2010, I inherited this green cashmere sweater, and I've worn it almost every day since. It's not only filled with history, but also surprisingly perfect for everything I do—an unfailing match for winter skiing, climbing, and street style.

5 I cherish every moment I spend with my kids, whether we're sailing, hiking, or hanging out. And when I'm climbing, just thinking about them reminds me I need to come home in one piece.

6 Skiing has always been a great passion, and these are my backcountry go-tos. They took me down Mt. Washington for more than 50 days last winter.

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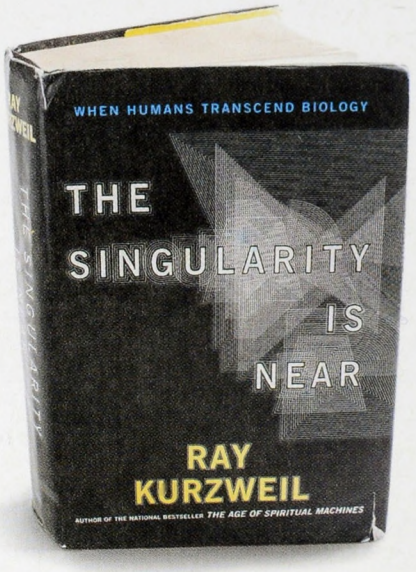
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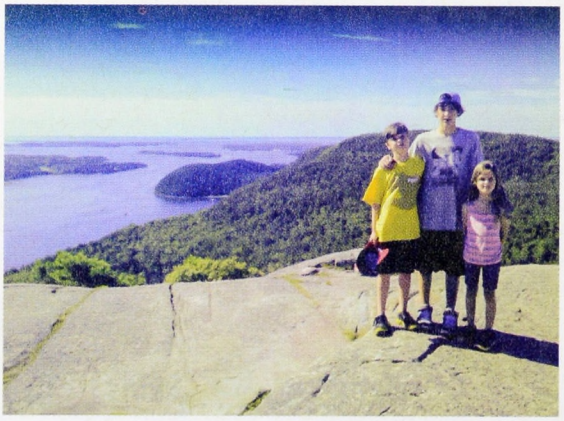

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the burdens of celebrity. Just kidding. We love it and we feel very blessed." John spent a weekend skiing in Vermont this winter. "Every time I think I'm romanticizing it while here in the industrial caverns of New York (or the traffic in Manila), I have a reality check each time I'm there and realize, no, it is that beautiful."
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REUNION CLASS **Carmen Asteinza Hopwood** reports that she is living near Boston with three children John (16), Will (9), and Madeline (6). Carmen is a marketing director responsible for America's region for a global certification, testing, and inspection firm. She is looking forward to June and seeing everyone at reunion. • **Ben Curtis** is now leading the Poverty Education Center at Seattle Univ., and this past fall, his latest book came out, which is about the exact opposite of poverty. *The Habsburgs: The History of a Dynasty* is the story of the most powerful family in European history. It's part of a series called *The Dynasties,* published by Bloomsbury.
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The time is nearing for our 20th reunion. (No sense hiding from it now!) Send Emily and JP your news and memories, and we look forward to seeing you in Vermont in 2015. • Great news from **Dan Richards**: "My wife Melissa and I moved to Etna, N.H., after our company, Global Rescue, opened an operations center in the nearby town of Lebanon. In July 2013 we welcomed a daughter to the team, Samantha Lulu Richards. I recently hung out with **Justin Burley** at his sweet pad in Rowayton, Conn." • Congratulations to **Aaron Mendelsohn**, who won the Hamptons Marathon in September 2013 and then came in 54th out of almost 30,000 runners in the Marine Corps Marathon in 2:43! Aaron's memory of our time at Midd? "I remember leading Jewish High Holiday services in the Château salon—with totally incongruous pictures of French royalty on the walls and an overflow congregation in yarmulkas—before we moved the services to Mead Chapel." • **Matt Hamilton** remembers "the fat chicken in front of the Arts Center by some famous artist—maybe it wasn't a chicken, it's been a while." • **Emily Aikenhead Hannon** remembers Feb Orientation well. "We were all gathered in the large fourth-floor classroom in Munroe Hall, and Dean Ann Hanson asked us all to go around the room and do the typical orientation thing: who are you, tell us a funny thing about you. The funny thing I told was that when I was born, my parents wanted to name me 'Oh My,' because my last name was Aikenhead. Ann Hanson thought that was so fuuny and started calling me Oh My instead of Emily. That's how the nickname started." In September, Emily, her husband, and two daughters spent a wonderful two weeks in Vermont to celebrate her 40th birthday. They loved visiting with **Oliver** and **Sara Morgan Truog** and their two kids in Boston; they spent a day wandering around Middlebury with **Jennifer Willingham** and "we walked around like we belonged!"; they had playdates with **Bethany Saulpaugh Fitzgerald**, her husband, and two kids; and had a birthday celebration with all her Vermont friends, including **Jordan Romm**, his wife Kate, and two kids. • Other classmates traveling back to the area include **Abhijit "Beej" Das**. Beej's company, Boston East India Hotels, recently bought the Captain Daniel Stone Inn in Brunswick, Maine. "We are busy converting it to be part of our global collection of curated lifestyle boutique hotels. The umbrella brand, which we developed and own, is called Troca Hotels. Troca is derived from a Portuguese word that means explore, exchange, and transform. We love college towns—so much intellectual and collegiate vibrancy and a steady flow of visitors seeking it. Our focus is on 25–75 rooms and a great restaurant and bar with memorable live entertainment. I was recently at Middlebury attending a symposium on food literacy. While there, I snooped around to see if Middlebury, Vt.—like Brunswick, Maine, before it—might be a spot for another Troca Hotel. Stay tuned!" • Exciting news from **Meghan Kilroy**! Meghan married Michael Corcoran last July 6 in Centerville, Mass. They just bought a house in Bolton, Mass. More news to come from Meghan soon. • **John Oberdiek** is currently vice dean of Rutgers School of Law-Camden, and will become acting dean on July 1, 2014. John joined the Rutgers-Camden law school faculty in 2004. He served as the law school's director of faculty research during 2011 and was named the school's first vice dean in 2012. John has multiple publications in the areas of legal philosophy and tort law, his research appears widely in such publications as the *Harvard Law Review Forum,* and he coedits the peer-reviewed professional journal *Law and Philosophy*. As if he wasn't busy enough, John and **Patty (Zagami)** live in the Philadelphia suburbs with their kids, Sophie (6th grade), Lucas (4th), and Greta (2nd).
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Kirby Harbeck Rosplock sent the news that her book, *The Complete Family Office Handbook, A Guide for Affluent Families and the Advisors Who Serve Them,* was published by Wiley/Bloomberg in January. The book demystifies the concept of the family office, which supports families whose family members would like to collectively manage, sustain, and grow their wealth across multiple generations. You can learn more at her website: www.rosplock.net. • **Todd Eagan** has been promoted to partner at the law firm Lavely & Singer (lawyers to the stars!). Todd has represented a number of Hollywood stars and recently won a lawsuit that allowed Ryan O'Neal to retain ownership of a portrait of the late actress Farrah Fawcett, created by pop artist Andy Warhol. • We are so sorry to report that **Matt Power** passed away on March 10 while on an assignment in Uganda for a story for *Men's Journal.* He had joined British explorer Levison Wood, who was attempting to walk the length of the Nile River, and Matt died of apparent heatstroke. Our condolences are sent to wife Jessica Benko, his parents, and two sisters. An obituary can be found on page 93 and an editor's note about him on page 11.
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After eight years, **Shenna Bellows** has left her job leading the ACLU of Maine and has launched a campaign for the U.S. Senate, her first run for elective office in a career of public-spirited service, including the Peace Corps and AmeriCorps. Her campaign manager is Katie Mae Simpson '02, and a campaign kickoff event was held at Rising Tide Brewing Company in Portland, co-owned by **Heather Thompson Sanborn**. About a month before announcing her campaign, she married Brandon Baldwin '98 in a small ceremony in their Manchester, Maine, home; they honeymooned in Rockland, Maine, attending the Camden International Film Festival. • **Molly Chamberlin** has taken a position with Indiana's newly created Center for Education and Career Innovation (CECI). Her title is chief accountability and assessment officer at CECI, where she is responsible for ensuring alignment of longitudinal data systems across kindergarten into the workforce, as well as ensuring that assessments, quality initiatives, and accountability systems at all levels of K–16 education are aligned to promote college and career readiness. Molly recently took her first trip back east since Midd graduation and had a great time visiting with former roommate **Wendy Peterson Todd** and with **Laura Coogan Leavy**. • In class correspondent news, **Catherine Mitchell Wieman** and husband Jon welcomed son Miles Robert on September 17. Big brother Jack (4.5) loves his new baby brother and is excited to teach him to play soccer and basketball and to cheer for the Los Angeles Lakers. The Wiemans still live in Redondo Beach, Calif. Catherine is an attorney with the environment section of the California Attorney General's Office and Jon works for the Securities & Exchange Commission. Congratulations to Catherine and her family!
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Travis Greig writes, "In November 2012, my wife Brett and I welcomed our fraternal twin girls, Charlotte Strother Greig and Dorothea Haber Greig. They've been running us

ragged, but we absolutely love every minute of it. In April 2013 I started my own architecture firm and partnered up with a landscape architect; we are known as Greig-Percy Collaborative, PLLC."

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99 **REUNION CLASS** **Shauna Hill Silva** writes, "After 13 years away, I just relocated back to Vermont from Seattle with my partner Ang and our one-year-old twins. I've accepted a position as the assistant director of Spruce Mountain Inn, a residential mental health and chemical dependency program for young adults 18–25 in Plainfield, Vt. We're staying with family in Lyndonville but will be moving to the Danville area shortly. It's been great to reconnect with **Kate Ryan Saraceno**, who moved with her family from Boston to Stowe. Over the winter we were all adjusting to the absence of traffic and frigid temps slowly." • **Pete Steinberg**, **Brad Maxwell**, and **Chris Lindstrom** went to a Celtics game and held a preview of the 15-year reunion at the TD Garden. • **Tie Mudge** has recently moved to Tampa Bay, Fla. • **James Scott** reports that his first novel, *The Kept*, was published by Harper in January. He has a large number of readings in New England and the South planned. You can read a review of his book on page 56. • **Sarah Florenz** and husband Gareth McFeely welcomed their second son, Owen Dell McFeely, on December 9. Three-year-old son Shay is adjusting to big brother duties. • **Judy Zamore** got married in October, and Chris Farrell '98 played at her wedding.

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00 **Justin Wensek** was married to Valentina Savva last May 26 at the Glen Manor House in Portsmouth, R.I. Congratulations! • **Jme McLean**, **Tim Dewey-Mattia**, and son Sai Mattia are happy to announce the birth of Kaya Addison Mattia. Her middle name comes from the town in Vermont where her parents met. (Middlebury or Battell didn't have quite the same ring.) • **Elena "Nena" Johnson** writes, "I've never written into class notes, but this is one of those funny Midd Kid things that I had to share. I'm doing an MBA in advanced farm management at the Royal Agricultural University—a small school in the middle of the English countryside. A few days into our first term, I noticed someone in the back row wearing a Middlebury T-shirt. Turns out, one of my classmates is Federico "Kiko" Velge Urquijo '10. We've spent many hours in the university pub wondering what the odds are that two alums of a small New England college, 10 years apart, end up at a small agricultural school in the United Kingdom at the same time. Turns out, very slim. Anyway, instant bonding. If anyone from '10 or '00 finds themselves near Cirencester, UK, the Middlebury welcome wagon is ready and waiting!" • **Dave Paul** and Davin Wedel were married on September 21 in Wolcott, Vt. Several Midd friends were in attendance including **I. George Arison**, Scott Paul '96, **Toby Dougherty Russell**, Mindy Atwood Flater '99, and Brooke Penick Anderson '99.

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01 **Garrett** and **Kristen Lyall Dodge** are excited to announce that daughter Hadley Madeline Dodge was born on December 2. She rushed into this world after just four hours of labor and was the perfect early Christmas gift for Garrett and Kristen. • **Jennie Schniedwind Cambier** gave birth to daughter Louisa in July 2013. Jennie and husband Abe still love living in Portland, Ore., where they are both architects. • **Elana Wilson Rowe**, husband Lars, and son Sammy moved to the U.S. from Oslo last July for a one-year sabbatical at George Washington Univ. Elana and sister **Sharon Wilson Purdy** are enjoying living in the same place for the first time since Middlebury graduation. To make sure that the year was busy enough, Elana and Lars welcomed twins Isak and Vera to the family in late September. • **Kevin Murungi** sent the news that on February 2 he was interviewed on Arise TV about the recent UNESCO report that shows, among other things, that universal primary education will not be achieved for another 70 years. A human rights and foreign policy specialist, he is the project director at the children's advocacy group, Global Kids, a nonprofit educational organization for global learning and youth development.

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02 **Molly May**'s first book, *The Map of Enough: One Woman's Search for Place,* has been published by Counterpoint Press. It's her memoir about moving to 107 acres in Montana with **Chris Kautz** with the idea of staying a year. Having grown up as part of a nomadic family, she viewed herself as a global woman from nowhere. But the yurt they built in Montana became her first real home and her book explores what home really means in our technological, globalized society these days. She now lives with Chris, their daughter, and their hound in Bozeman.

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03 **Ron** and **Story Parker Schildge** are working at a boarding school in Connecticut, where Ron is the varsity cross-country coach and green dean at the school. He just finished his MBA at UMass-Amherst with a 4.0, which he is pretty thrilled about. Ron and Story were excited to travel to D.C. last November to introduce their two young boys to their brand-new cousin, the baby of brother and fellow alum Adam Schildge '01 and his wife. • **Hamil Pearsall** is living happily in Philadelphia, where she is a professor in the geography and urban studies dept. at Temple Univ. • **Juan Pena** is a capital markets lawyer, who was living in Paris but planned to move back to London in March. He would be delighted to connect with Midd friends in either city. • **Alice Quist** is living in the Washington, D.C., metro area, where she has been since graduation. She is a management consultant at PricewaterhouseCoopers. • **Elisabeth Valenti Coker** and husband Allen welcomed twins, Joseph and Anna, in June 2011. The now-toddlers are keeping them very busy. • **Kristin Weyman** is thrilled to have an "awesome new job" at Claremont McKenna College and loves living in Southern California. • The College recently learned that **Joanna Lin Conant** has been awarded the Leadership Development Award by the College of American Pathologists Foundation. She is an anatomic and clinical pathology resident at UVM's College of Medicine.

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04 **REUNION CLASS** **Christopher Richards** is the clinical coordinator of rehabilitation services and a clinical specialist in occupational therapy at UNC Medical Center. He specializes in adult neurorehabilitation and guest lectures at the UNC School of Medicine's Department of Occupational Science. He resides in Durham, N.C., with his husband and is happy to report on many Midd Kids who are all looking forward to reunion this year. He reports: **Bernadette Gunn** lives in North Little Rock, Ark., and works for the mayor coordinating the city's health initiative, which includes community gardens, health education, and bicycle and walk-friendly projects. She can often be found riding her bike to work. Bernadette married Jeremy Rhodes in October 2011 and the pair bought their first home in June 2013, the same month that Jeremy started his own food business, Geek Eats, to much acclaim, manufacturing unique hummus and pesto varieties for the Central Arkansas market. Bernadette serves as chief tasting officer! Bernadette and Jeremy are loving life in their new hometown. • **Kate Bushman** works in Portland, Ore., as an energy-efficiency program evaluator at the Cadmus Group. In her spare time she sings with a few fellow permanent amateurs, and she recently rescued a good-natured Rottweiler mutt named Carmen. • **Karl Whittington** is living with Adam Fazio '07 in Columbus, Ohio, where he is teaching art history at Ohio State. Many Middlebury folks have made the pilgrimage to visit in the depths of the Midwest, for

which he is most grateful! • **Dorothy Resig Willette** lives with her husband near Washington, D.C., and after nine years as an editor in the nonprofit industry, she's delighted to be raising a baby son while doing freelance work from home. • After Middlebury, **Katie Curler Shoults** earned her MLS from the Univ. of Wisconsin and was an archivist for the Hawaii War Records Depository in Honolulu. She's now working as a law librarian in Jacksonville, Fla., where she lives with husband Kevin and the world's meanest cat and laziest dog. • Nearly seven years after getting her master's in journalism from Columbia Univ., **Lanford Beard** walks through Central Park every morning on the way to her job as staff editor for *Entertainment Weekly*'s EW.com. When not forcing people like Hugh Jackman and RuPaul to talk to her, Lanford blows up the Internet with photo galleries about badass beards (only appropriate), recaps of *New Girl*, and dispatches from the trenches of all-day *Twilight Saga* marathons. At night, she dreams of the Storm Cafe's banana cream pie. • **Sara Smiley Smith** is living in Connecticut with her family. Since Middlebury she has earned her MPH and MESc from Yale. She is currently managing Yale's undergraduate environmental studies program and is finishing her PhD at Yale School of Forestry. • **Ali White** has been happily living in Montana for most of the last 10 years and is working on her master's at Montana State Univ. She's studying ecosystem response to fire and climate change. • And last but not least, **Eliza Mitchell** celebrated her fifth memorable year living in Boston's Beacon Hill since leaving NYC in 2008. She manages the production of print material and does graphic design for Harvard Medical School's Office of Resource Development and is thrilled with the creative balance she has found in her professional career. Blissfully happy with where her 30s have taken her so far, she is thankful for the foundation and path that Middlebury provided for her, the people it has brought into her life, and all the future memories that Midd will continue to hold (especially the 10th reunion in June!). • Thanks for the updates, **Christopher**!
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Allie Green and **Peter Wolkowski** both celebrated many accomplishments in 2013: Peter graduated with his MBA from Penn State Smeal College of Business in May. They got married on June 1 in Kansas City, Mo., with a solid Midd crew, including Peter's sister, Joanna Wolkowski '99, and groomsmen **Conor Stinson** and **Josh Dihle**. They moved to Ann Arbor, Mich., where Allie started her MBA at Ross School of Business and Peter started as a marketing manager at Ford Motor Company. • **Josh Dihle** is an artist living in Chicago and this year he joined the faculty of the painting and drawing dept. at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. • **CC Ragan** wed Eric Schnapp in beautiful Key West, Fla., surrounded by family and a ton of Middlebury friends. The skies cleared for two hours the entire weekend: exactly when the ceremony was scheduled. The dance party was epic. • **Tara Micherone Gestrich** and husband Andrew have happy news: son Cooper Louis Gestrich was born June 18, 2013, and is already very spoiled by his Middlebury aunties. CC's wedding was actually his second Middlebury wedding! • **Kelly Boyle** recently completed her PhD in school psychology at the Univ. of California, Berkeley. She has accepted a position as the director of Early Childhood Equity Initiatives with the Policy Equity Group, a D.C.-based firm that engages in education advocacy, research, and communication efforts. She will be working remotely from Denver, Colo., where she recently moved with **Darryl Etter**. Darryl is completing his residency in clinical psychology at Denver Health. Darryl has completed his dissertation on the effects of video game playing in military veterans and will receive his PsyD from the Palo Alto Univ.-Stanford Consortium in the spring. • **Erica Goodman** left American Farmland Trust and now works at FoodCorps as the public affairs coordinator in the external affairs division. FoodCorps places emerging leaders in limited-resource communities for a year of public service. These service members teach children about what healthy food is and where it comes from, build and tend school gardens where kids learn to grow and taste fresh vegetables, and work with farmers and food service workers to get high-quality ingredients served in school meals. Her job is based in NYC and she lives in Park Slope, Brooklyn. Not only is it a fantastic, young organization but the move will also mean she can focus more on Origin Hops at Goodmanor Farm business in Fort Ann. She's recruiting anyone who wants to spend a weekend in upstate New York working in a hop yard for a day or two! • **Eriko Hashimoto** is still at Bessemer Trust and just finished business school at NYU Stern. She is so happy to be done with part-time school and full-time work at the same time! • **Jason Siegel** writes, "I recently defended my doctoral dissertation in linguistics and French linguistics at Indiana Univ.—on my 30th birthday no less! I have since moved to Barbados to take a tenure-track position as the director of the Centre for Caribbean Lexicography at the Univ. of the West Indies-Cave Hill. I'd love to hear from any Midd Kids thinking about coming to the island."
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Dan O'Mara is completing his residency in radiology at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md. When he's not logging in hours in the hospital, you can find him in the sky inexplicably flying planes. • **Hannah Baker** graduated from the School of Visual Arts in NYC at the end of July with a master's in branding. Transitioning away from hospitality management, she is now a strategist at Clark McDowall, a branding agency in the East Village. This role is a combination of her past pursuits—a cross between psychology, sociology, business development, and design. • **Liz Parker** recently made the move back to NYC after living in San Francisco for the past three years. She continues to work in book publishing, despite the frequent question of whether books are dying. She is especially grateful that her friends are perpetuating the statistic that Middlebury people marry each other: every wedding is like a mini-reunion. • **William Simpson** married Marguerite Duke (Dartmouth '07) on September 7, 2013, in Denver, Colo. A number of Middlebury graduates attended, including Jamie Duke '05. • Congratulations to **Elizabeth Chatelain**, whose thesis film, *My Sister Sarah*, was announced as the winner of the David L. Wolper Student Documentary category during the International Documentary Awards at the Directors Guild of America event in L.A. in December. She graduated last year from the Univ. of Texas at Austin with an MFA in radio-television-film.
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Hello '08ers! Here are some updates from our fellow classmates: **Rebecca Jones** finished her graduate studies at the Univ. of Arizona in 2011 and is now the deputy county attorney in the Sex Crimes Bureau of the Maricopa County Attorney's Office in the Phoenix area, where she has recently settled and bought a house. • **Francie Kammeraad** graduated from Vanderbilt Univ. Law School in May 2013 and is now living in Charlotte, N.C., and working in the real estate and commercial development group at the law firm Parker Poe. • **Derek Polsinello** is a prosecutor for the 13th Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office (Greenville, S.C.). He prosecutes criminal domestic violence cases in Greenville and Pickens counties and considers it a privilege doing such work. He lives in Clemson, S.C., with Tori Palmer, who is the Spirit Squad coordinator for Clemson Univ. He wholeheartedly welcomes the Southern living lifestyle, where the BBQ is second to none, the sweet tea flows like golden nectar, and SEC football remains supreme. • **Steve Head** lived in Seattle and California for four years after graduation and moved to Michigan a year and a half ago, where he is completing a master's in accounting and taking the CPA exam. He married in April of 2013—congrats to Steve and Anne! He

planned and participated in a white-water rafting trip with **Drew Schlegel** in West Virginia and they were both proud survivors. • **Christian Hansen** lives in the Denver area and works as a structural analyst for Sierra Nevada Corp. He is designing and analyzing the main structural elements of the Dream Chaser orbital space plane. He has enjoyed skiing in the Rockies with wife Ashley, **Chad Guerrero**, and **Margaux Rowley**. He attended the Guerrero-Rowley wedding in July (congrats!) and is excited to welcome **Nick Lefeber** to the Denver area in the near future. • **Emily Block** spent four years teaching in Worcester, Mass., while **Erik Lewis** was attending UMass Medical School. In March 2013, Erik matched into a surgical residency program at Saint Luke's-Roosevelt in Manhattan. Emily and Erik married in May and moved to NYC in June and Emily is now teaching social studies at Scarsdale High School. They've enjoyed their recent trips to Boston where they've spent time with **Becca Steinberg**, **Becca Leathe**, **Becca Cobbs**, and **Molli Freeman-Lynde**. • **Tim** and **Alanna Hanson Reed** live in D.C., where they were married in May 2013. They're happy to have great jobs—Tim is a product development manager for Teaching Strategies, which is an early childhood education publishing company and Alanna works for Deloitte as a senior consultant in their technology practice. She is also set to wrap up her master's in operations research from George Washington Univ. in May. • **Dane Johnson** lives in San Francisco and works for Google on Google Helpouts (google it!). He spends most weekends on a bike or skis, frequently with the company of Dan Skold '07 and Tim Henderson '10. • We were proud to hear that the Adversity 2 Advocacy Alliance, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and fostering the power of turning personal challenges into service to others with similar challenges, selected **Corey Reich** as the recipient of its second annual A2A [Lori] Hope & Courage Award. The award is given to an individual who has created great hope through his or her courage in advocacy. Corey and his family formed Corey's Crusade and, through a variety of fundraisers, they have raised more than $4 million for ALS drug development. Way to go, Corey! • **Lizz Huntley** is in her second year in a dual master's program in teaching Arabic and Middle Eastern studies at the Univ. of Michigan. She was also lucky enough to see both **Esther Guidos Kaul** in New York and **Heather Bessette** in Portland, Ore., for two conferences on Arabic pedagogy in 2013. She was also thrilled to try skiing in Colorado for the first time. • **Clayton Reed** moved to Boulder, Colo., in August and is working in energy efficiency modeling for a residential energy efficiency company, Sustainably Built. He was thrilled to run into **Des Jennings** at a World Cup ski race in Beaver Creek in December. • **Des** has been living in Jackson Hole, Wyo., since graduation. Since 2011 he has worked as an associate broker with RE/MAX Obsidian Real Estate in residential and commercial sales. When out of the office, Des spends his free time fly-fishing and skiing. • **Ted Iobst** and Christy MacGregor wed on April 13, 2013, in Bryn Mawr, Pa. The Class of 2008 played a big part in the wedding, with **Neil D'Astolfo** as best man and **Bil Davison**, **Ashwin Gargeya**, and **Eric Lonstein** as groomsmen. • **Dana Isaac** lives with Liam Quinn '05 in San Francisco, where she works as an attorney on plaintiff's-side class actions in the city. She frequently sees **Franny Bohar**, **Sarah Calvert**, **Amy Shepard**, **Elena D'Antonio**, and **Haris Ghertsos** on an annual trip. • **Janet Schroeder** graduated with her MBA from Darden Business School at UVA in May 2013. She was interviewed by *Bloomsberg Businessweek* in August 2013—check out the video online! She moved to D.C. in June and began a job with M&T Bank as a commercial lender in the health-care group. • As always, please send us your news. We'd love to hear from you at any time!

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REUNION CLASS **Sheyenne Brown** welcomed her handsome warrior, Cullen Sloane Brown, on November 19. • **Maji Chien Daines** welcomed her adorable son, Cutler Bradley Daines, on December 3. • **Rashna Kharas** completed her MBA this past fall from LIM College in NYC. • After many glorious years of **Lindsay Rotherham** and **Antoinette Rangel** living together, they have a new addition to the mix, **Jesse Sucher**, who just returned from abroad after earning his master's from the London School of Economics in comparative politics. • **Alex Consalvo**, Dave Campbell '08, **Dave Dolginow**, and **Cam MacKugler** are all working out of the Vermont Center for Emerging Technologies incubator in Middlebury, along with Andy Rossmeissl '05 and Colin Davis '03, and have been developing new companies. Alex is starting a corporate wellness athletic platform, Recess, for people looking to play recreational sports at lunchtime; D-Cam is running a nonprofit mission-driven apparel company, Another Best Day; Dolginow and Davis have launched Shacksbury, a craft hard cider company, and, as mentioned in the winter column, Cam has started Farm The Cloud, a smartphone and Web-controlled garden.

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For the past two years **Ari Gimbel** has been an assistant director of admissions at Miss Hall's School in Pittsfield, Mass. She recently became an adviser to seven students and helped start a program that offsets the cost of textbooks for underprivileged students. This spring she's also coaching lacrosse. • **Lilly McNealus** moved to San Francisco a few months ago and is working for Google. She frequently runs into Dane Johnson '08, who also works at Google, and me, **Tim**. • **Leah McLaughry** is working in the real estate industry and coaching ski racing in Norwich, Vt. • In April 2013, **Beth Connolly** joined Hausman LLC in New York City, where she creates integrated communications strategies for clients in the architecture, construction, and engineering industries. She loves the opportunity to learn more about architecture and design while using her writing skills to serve clients! She was thrilled to be a part of an all-Middlebury bridal party when she was maid of honor for **Aneliya Ignatova**, who wed Kevin Jackson (Dartmouth '10) in Liberty State Park, N.J., in August 2013. It was a fantastic reunion for Aneliya and bridesmaids **Rachel Zakrasek**, **Annabelle Fowler**, **Desislava Shunturova**, and Daniela Tsoneva '11. **Bevan Barton** officiated the ceremony. • We'd love to know what the rest of the Class of 2010 has been up to. Send your updates to **Hannah** or **Tim**. As of this issue, **Mike Waters** is stepping down as a correspondent. Thanks for your help the past few years, Mike! • Elena Johnson '00 sent a Midd Kid update to her class correspondent: "I'm doing an MBA in advanced farm management at the Royal Agricultural University—a small school in the middle of the English countryside. A few days into our first term, I noticed someone in the back row wearing a Middlebury T-shirt. Turns out, one of my classmates is **Federico "Kiko" Velge Urquijo**. We've spent many hours in the university pub wondering what the odds are that two alums of a small New England college, 10 years apart, end up at a small agricultural school in the United Kingdom at the same time. Turns out, very slim. Anyway, instant bonding. If anyone from '10 or '00 finds themselves near Cirencester, UK, the Middlebury welcome wagon is ready and waiting!"

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I think we can speak for everyone in our class when we say that we were absolutely devastated to hear about the death of our classmate **Donny Dickson** in October. As Donny reminded us in his speech at our graduation, "It needs to be mentioned that we went through incredibly challenging times together as well. We lost three close friends—Nick, Pavlo, and Ben—and should remember that they are just as much a part of this day as we are. In fact, they should serve as a reminder of how the ones of us most affected by these tragedies managed to go on. That is—we had, and have, each other. This, I think, is the one most unifying thing about our class." Though it breaks our hearts beyond belief to have to add another name to the list of loved classmates that we've lost, we hope everyone can take comfort in the memories of Donny's smile and of the laughter and happiness that he brought to so many of our lives. This is another one of those incredibly challenging times and it seems more important than ever to remember that regardless

of where our post-grad lives have taken us, we do still have each other. We would like to share this message from **Jack Terrett**, one of Donny's closest friends at Midd: "Donny, the whole time I've known you, you've been an inspiration and true friend to me. Our time together at Middlebury was unforgettable and our foray into the 'real world' in New Jersey was as memorable as it could have been. Your love and enthusiasm for all aspects of life is admirable and I've continuously tried to be more like you. The number of memories and stories you've given me are hard to count, but there are a few that stand out: our 'sophomore sleepover series' at Midd, helping you record your debut Christmas album during finals week in Homestead, too many games of Settlers of Catan to remember, stomping along to Mumford and Sons in our boxers (or boxer-briefs for some!), your persistent and joyful SIM auditions (sorry I kept forgetting to remind you about rehearsals), winning the NESCAC championships together and travelling to Iowa for NCAAs (the legendary Men of '10), and the list goes on. Then there were our memories abroad: sweating the bed in Welwyn Garden City, wearing tracksuits in Berlin, brainstorming names for 'The Barn' on a run in Barcelona, dressing up like true Spaniards, and drinking beer on the street (in multiple countries). Then of course there were our two years as 'adults' in Jersey: weekly dinner dates and pajama parties in Hibben, trips to Hoagie Haven, watching you in action at Peddie both as Coach D (you can't spell Peddie, without DD, am I right?) and competing in the Hightstown triathlon (more like duathlon), and so on. I will never forget all the times we've spent together. You have this magical way of making any activity into something memorable. I'll miss you but thinking of you will always make me smile and encourage me to be more ridiculous. Love, Jack."

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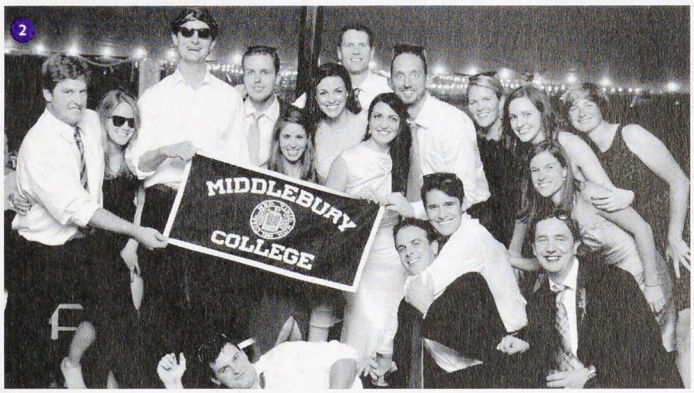
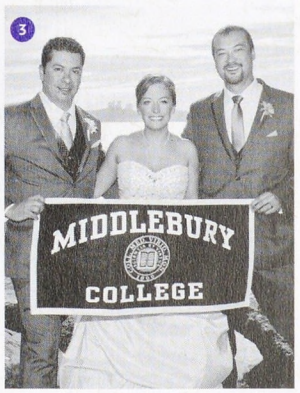
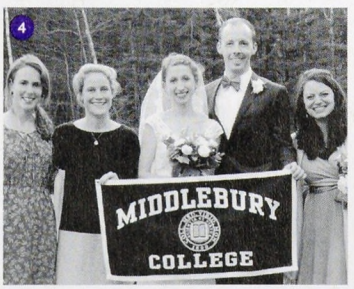
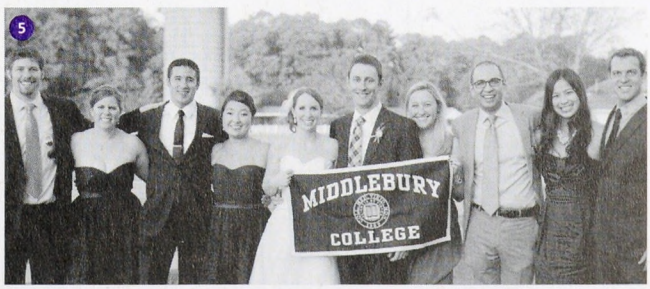
12 Cheers to the Class of 2012 and 2012.5! Here are some of our updates, and as always, if you're up to something new and exciting, please drop us a line! • **Meagan "Gemma" Collins** is teaching first grade at Waterside School, a small independent school in Stamford, Conn., that provides opportunities for academic and personal excellence to families and children who are too often underserved. The school's hope is for these children to transcend the achievement gap and go on to become the leaders of tomorrow. • **Oliver Weisser** reports, "I just began an MS program at Northwestern Univ. in Evanston, Ill., in biotechnology. I hope to focus my research on synthetic biology, particularly because I hope to start a company in the field soon!" • **Silas Wong**, **Elizabeth Roberts**, **Jason Jan**, and **Michael Schmidt** are all living together in Waltham, Mass. Silas is teaching and coaching at St. Sebastian's School. Elizabeth is teaching at Jonas Clarke Middle School. Jason is a screening



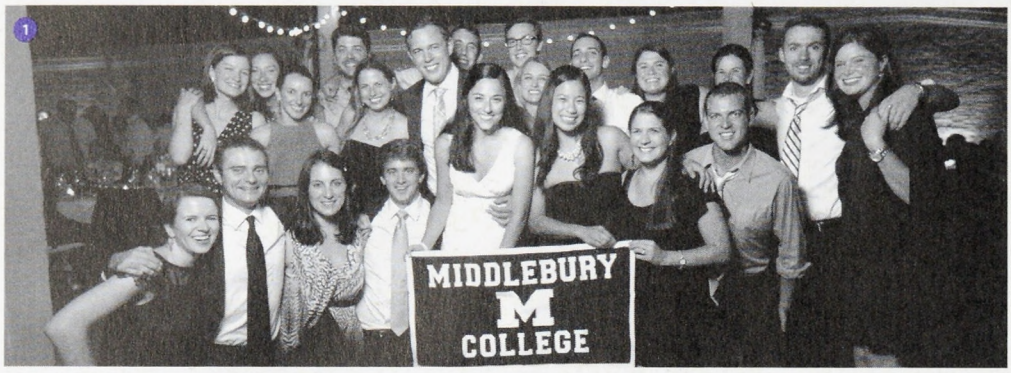


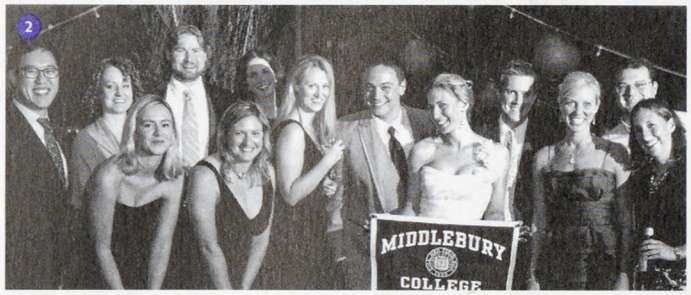
1 Piya Kashyap '07 and Remy Mansfield '06 were married on July 14, 2012, at Riverside Farm in Pittsfield, Vt. Many Midd friends celebrated with them: Josh White '06, Michael Kagan '06, Milena Flament '07, the newlyweds, Lindsay Linton '07, Hillary Brooks Jackson '06, Jenna Boyle '06, Elizabeth Campbell '06, (second row) Timothy Dooley '06, Christopher Nielson '06, Sasha Bronner '07, Amaury Sosa '07, Katie Hawkins '06, Katharine Potts-Dupre '07, Heidi Erbe '06, Britt Neuhaus '07, Zoey Laskaris '07, Barbara Ganley (former lecturer in writing), (third row) Chris Cadwell '06, Goudi Vandal '06, Spencer Taylor '04, Lindsey Johnson Vandal '07, David Hopkins '06, and Peter Hall '06. 2 Lauren Battaglia '06 married Ryan Keohane '07 on October 19, 2012, at the Willowdale Estate in Topsfield, Mass. Despite the rainy weather, many Middlebury friends showed up to celebrate with the couple and put their dancing shoes to good work: (all '07 unless noted) Richie Fuld, Marc Scheuer '04, Justin Gaines '08, Tim Schneider '06, (second row) Alex Palmisano, Katherine Entwisle Palmisano '08, Will Simpson, Rob MacIntyre '08, Katelyn Cannella '08, Brittany Burke '08, Brett Shirreffs, the newlyweds, Ellen Sargent, Elizabeth Clayburgh '06, Katie Hurd Duennebier '06, and Colleen Sullivan. (Missing from photo) Jeff Schneider, Mary Frederickson, Maura Casey Testaverde, Jessie Ortwein '10, Chris Mason '10, Mark Spadaccini '06, and John Quinn '06. 3 Gabe Macias '99 married Maria Lampasona on Treasure Island, San Francisco, Calif., on September 21, 2012, with groomsman Jason Hui '99 attending the couple.





4 Amanda McLane '08 and Matthew Foster were married on October 20, 2012, in Marlboro, Vt. Several Middlebury friends and relatives were in attendance: Andrea Giddings '07, Alice Pfeifer '13, the newlyweds, and Claire Groby '08. 5 On October 20, 2012, Kimberly Hansen '06 married Joseph Polonsky in North Carolina. Joining them for the occasion were other 2006 classmates: Caleb Consenstein, Erin Zolnick Unger, Mike Philbin, Courtney Swanda Philbin, the newlyweds, Jessica Murray, Scott Kleiman, Jamie Wong, and Jon Larson.





1 In Brooklyn, N.Y., Francesca Filippelli '06 married Josh Carson '06 on September 29, 2012, with many Midd friends helping to celebrate: (all '06 unless noted) Molly Jepsen, Ben Rowe, Kat Cooley, Jeff Oldenburg, the bride, Jamie Wong, Tara Micherone Gestrich, Jon Larson, Calvin Garner, Lelia Yerxa, (second row) Jamie Fey, Oona Cassidy '07, CC Ragan Schnapp, Tucker Briggs, Rachel Durfee, the groom, David Peritz, Greg Lazerus, Britt Neuhaus '07, Jed Poster '09, Jess O'Rielly Van Wagenen, and Jessica Hallett. 2 Middlebury friends helped Elissa Burnell '01 and Ishtvan McGee celebrate their marriage on October 6, 2012, in Rye Beach, N.H., at the Abenaqui Country Club: Isaac Ro '00, Christie Logue Stuntz '02, Bryn Kenny '01, Grayson Stuntz '02, Meegan Moszynski '01, Maggie Sullivan Levy '01, Kelly Hase Elliott '00, the newlyweds, Jack Thurston '02, Heather Langlois '00, Bryan Black '02, and Catherine Elkins '02. 3 Jiffy Starr Johnson '65 and John Bowker '52, former WRMC stalwarts, had a mini-reunion in Sun City, Fla.

4 Mary Ting '07 and Wilbur Hyatt '07 were married on November 17, 2012, in Cambridge, Mass. Many Midd Kids were there: (all '07 unless noted) Sue-Jean Chun, Daisuke Yasutake '04, George Mayer, (second row) Eric Martinez, Sandy Sokoloski, the newlyweds, Peter Mellen, Laura Prior Mellen, Kristin Nielson, Caitrin Abshere, Lisie Mehlman, (third row) John Donnelly '04, Kevin Bergesen, Ben Ehrlich '09, Bobby Marcoux, Chris Dowd, and Wesley Hyatt '03. 5 In Chennai, India, Sara Shaikh '07 married Sebastian Paulsson '09 in a traditional Indian wedding. Many Midd friends joined in the week of festivities and attended the wedding ceremony (Nikah): (all '07 unless noted) Liz Kofman, the newlyweds, Mary Frederickson, (second row) Michael Chock '10, Filip Odqvist, Jeffrey Mitchell, Polly Johnson, RJ Weiss, Sara Dewey, Heather Gallagher, Emily Murphy, Leah Day, and Christian Hellberg (transferred).

chemist at Calloway Labs. Michael is coaching cross country and track at Tufts Univ. and working towards his master of education. "We love to have guests over—visitors are always welcome! Please inquire if interested in visiting and be sure to sign the guest book." • **Emily Jacke** is the 2013–2015 Community Philanthropy Fellow at the Vermont Community Foundation in Middlebury. Emily reports, "I'm learning a lot, especially as I've been sitting in on and supporting the first year of the foundation's Food and Farm Initiative, which is a five-year commitment to addressing hunger in Vermont through building a healthy, sustainable, and fair food system. My work mostly consists of writing press releases, managing social media, and copyediting, but all that rounds up essentially to storytelling and I'm pretty excited about the real stories we're supporting to happen. Aside from my job, I'm living a beautiful life out here in this gorgeous place and am really enjoying integrating into the community. In my free time I'm getting half decent at playing the ukulele and cooking from scratch for one person." • **Sierra Young** reports, "I am currently getting my daily dose of handstands, working as manager and coach for Twisters Gymnastics in Port Hadlock, Wash." • Please continue to send us your updates at any time!

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Kayla Bien and **Martin Sweeney** have come a long way since being neighbors on Hadley 4 freshman year—or maybe not! The two are roommates in New Haven, Conn., and enjoy being Panthers in a town full of Bulldogs. Kayla is teaching kindergarten through a fellowship at the Yale Child Study Center, while Martin is working as a research assistant at Innovations for Poverty Action, an international development research organization. • **Stu Fram** is the environmental philanthropy fellow at High Meadows Fund, a supporting organization of the Vermont Community Foundation. • **Robert Cole** was hired by NRG Systems as a sales associate. • **Natalie Jorgensen** was hired by Rug Pad Corner to be in charge of the company's social media networks. • The *Wall Street Journal* had an article recently profiling **Anjan Biswas**, who is a comedian in NYC. His new show, "What's an Anjan?" had its U.S. premiere last August at Jimmy's No. 43 as part of the New York International Fringe Festival. • Please send us your updates!

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OBITUARIES

35 **Alma Davis Struble**, 99, of Kennett Square, Pa., on March 4, 2013. A Kappa Kappa Gamma at Middlebury, she taught Latin and French after graduation. While raising her family, she was an active community volunteer, starting the Red Cross Learn to Swim program, working the community fair, driving for Meals on Wheels, and serving on several nonprofit boards. A loyal College alumna, she served as a class correspondent for over 20 years. Predeceased by husband Robert, she is survived by sons Bob, John, and Tom, daughter Peg, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

36 **Barbara Binkerd Monahan**, 97, of South Windsor, Conn., on March 31, 2013. After graduating from the Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School in 1937, she worked as an executive secretary for various companies. She taught at Harriet Johnson Nursery School and took classes at Bank Street College, eventually earning her MEd from the Univ. of Hartford. For many years she taught in the Manchester, Conn., school system and was instrumental in the first Head Start program. Predeceased by husband Thomas, she is survived by stepdaughter Celeste.

Marion Cole Morhouse, 98, of Shelburne, Vt., on March 18, 2013. She was employed by Thayer School of Engineering at Dartmouth College for 22 years, the last 13 as registrar. Upon her retirement, she was inducted into the Dartmouth Society of Engineers as an honorary member. Predeceased by daughters Anne and Jane, she is survived by son Thomas, daughter Wendy, 10 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include sisters Zella Hibbert '28 and Virginia Cole '31, and brother Gilbert '29. Surviving Middlebury relatives include niece Susan Hibbert Lardner '60, husband Breck '60, and great-niece Gretchen Lardner Jaeckel '87.

41 **David A. Hammond**, 92, of South Euclid, Ohio, on March 11, 2013. An Alpha Tau Omega at Middlebury, he worked during WWII as a control chemist, primarily in the production of TNT for the government. With a PhD in chemistry from Case Western Reserve Univ. he went to work at Harshaw Chemical Co., later Saint-Gobain, as a research scientist. He held multiple patents in his field. Predeceased by wife Elaine (Brown), he is survived by sons Robert and Bruce, daughters Margaret and Patricia, nine grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

42 **Lewis M. Alexander**, 91, of Wakefield, R.I., on May 9, 2013. During WWII he served as a weather forecaster in the Army Air Force, earning the rank of master sergeant. With a PhD in geography from Clark Univ., he taught geography and marine affairs at the Univ. of Rhode Island for 30 years, retiring in 1991. During the Ronald Reagan presidency, he served as a geographer for the State Dept. He is survived by wife Jacqueline (Peterson), children Louise and Lance, and four grandchildren.

Robert P. Northrop, 92, of Underhill, Vt., on March 30, 2013. During WWII he served in the Army in North Africa and Europe. With degrees from SUNY-Albany and UVM, he began his long teaching career at Lyman C. Hunt Junior High School in Burlington, Vt. Active in community affairs, he volunteered for many organizations including the Green Mountain Club, where he was a life member and served on the board. He made seven end-to-end trips on the Long Trail. He was also a board member and president of the Vermont Electric Cooperative and was a founding member of the Vermont Mozart Festival. He is survived by wife Julia (Smith), children Pat, Mike, Bill, Grace, Steve, and Chas, 16 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Myrtle Bestick Silvester, 92, of Surprise, Ariz., on May 2, 2013. She worked for 27 years in various positions at the Beaman Memorial Library in West Boylston, Mass., retiring in 1985. She was a 60-year member of the First Congregational Church in West Boylston. Predeceased by husband Bill and granddaughter Katie, she is survived by sons Larry '63 and Leonard, daughter Lana, eight grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren. Surviving Middlebury relatives include great-nephew Kevin Kelleher '80, great-great-niece Jennifer Kelleher Font du Bon '08, and great-great-nephew Kevin Kelleher '10.

43 **James G. Clark**, 91, of North Branford, Conn., on February 28, 2013. At Middlebury he was a member of Theta Chi and the Mountain Club. During WWII he served in the Army. With a master's from NYU, he spent almost 40 years as a junior high social studies teacher. He is survived by wife Dorothy (Brown) '44, daughters Margaret and Nancy, and one grandchild.

Anne E. Willis, 91, of Manchester, Mass., on May 10, 2013. A Phi Mu at Middlebury, she left after two years to earn her degree at Wheelock College in Boston. Her 40-year career in education was spent mostly at Manchester Memorial School, teaching kindergarten and first grade. She is survived by a sister-in-law, niece, and two nephews.

44 **Jeanne Chatfield Addison**, 90, of Lansdale, Pa., on February 10, 2013. A Pi Beta Phi at Middlebury, she worked in NYC for several years after graduation. After marrying, she worked as a bookkeeper and as secretary of the First Presbyterian Church of Ambler, Pa. She was an active volunteer and served many years as a Girl Scout leader. She is survived by husband Edward, son Edward, daughter Jane, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include aunt Margaret Chatfield '18.

Theodore S. Kolzak, 91, of Paso Robles, Calif., on March 12, 2013. He was a member of Alpha Sigma Psi at Middlebury. During WWII he served with the Navy in the Pacific, attaining the rank of lieutenant and being awarded the Purple Heart and two Bronze Stars. Returning home he started his company Tekay Manufacturing in West Hartford, Conn. He was very involved in the establishment of the Polish studies program at Central Conn. State Univ. Predeceased by son Stephen, he is survived by wife June (Michals), daughters Nancy and Susan, four grandchildren, and three stepchildren.

Charles W. Proctor Jr., 91, of Odessa, Fla., on March 3, 2013. At Middlebury he was a member of Sigma Epsilon and played tennis and hockey. During WWII he served in the Navy in the Pacific on the USS *Guam*. He worked for several corporations, including Honeywell for 25 years and National Data Corp. for 16 years. Retiring in 1990 he joined his wife in an independent corporate-meeting-planning consulting business. He is survived by wife Carolyn, son Charles III, daughters Caren and Lynn, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include father Charles, Class of 1915.

Nancy A. Read, 90, of Lutz, Fla., on February 5, 2013. After college she worked for Standard Oil of New Jersey in the research dept. In 1950 she settled in Stamford, Conn., and worked for 27 years at the White Development Co. before joining Planned Parenthood, where she worked five years. She loved to sail and ski.

46 **Mary Caswell Jones**, 88, of Chattanooga, Tenn., on March 12, 2013. She was in Pi Beta Phi at Middlebury. She enjoyed skiing, tennis, and golf and taught physical education and coached varsity sports for several years. Predeceased by husband Thad, she is survived by daughter Dorinda '72, son Scott, four grandchildren, including Dustin Boone '95, and six great-grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include mother Ginevra Harlow Caswell, Class of 1915, brother Henry Caswell '49, aunts Elizabeth Caswell Jackson, Class of 1911, and Frances Caswell Nelson '23, uncle Dane Jackson, Class of 1913, and several cousins. She predeceased brother Richard Caswell '48 by a month. Surviving Middlebury relatives include nephews Richard '77 and Stephen Caswell '80, great-nephew Mark Caswell '10, and several cousins.

47 **Helen Swan Cawood**, 86, of Middlebury, Vt., on February 27, 2013. After graduating Phi Beta Kappa from the College, she earned a master's at Middlebury's German School. She held teaching positions in German studies at UCLA and Wells College.

She also did secretarial work involving the German correspondence at Swiss Bank in NYC and worked at Wellesley College as a benefits coordinator. She is survived by husband W. Gordon Cawood, daughter Pamela, son Jeffrey, and two grandsons.

48 **Caroline Mead Briggs**, 86, of Southbury, Conn., on April 9, 2013. With a teaching degree from Southern Connecticut State College, she taught fifth grade in the North Haven, Conn., public school system until multiple sclerosis forced her early retirement. She is survived by husband Donald, daughters Bonnie and Rachel, son William, and six grandchildren.

John F. Carter, 88, of Short Hills, N.J., on February 5, 2013. During WWII he served in the Army in the European Theater. After studying commercial art at Parsons School of Design in NYC, he had a 35-year career in the advertising dept. of Scholastic, Inc. He is survived by wife Ruth (Stevens), daughter Anne, son Douglas, and four grandchildren.

Richard H. Caswell, 89, of Bennington, Vt., on April 10, 2013. At Middlebury he was in Sigma Phi Epsilon and the Mountain Club and played intramural sports. He served in the Army Air Corps in WWII with the 82nd Airborne. With a master's in history from UVM, he taught high school history and coached the ski and golf teams in Bennington for 35 years, retiring in 1985 from Mt. Anthony Union High School. He is survived by wife Anita (Kichline), sons Richard '77 and Christopher, and six grandchildren, including Mark Caswell '10. Deceased Middlebury relatives include mother Ginevra Harlow Caswell, Class of 1915, sister Mary Caswell Jones '46, brother Henry Caswell '49, aunts Elizabeth Caswell Jackson, Class of 1911, and Frances Caswell Nelson '23, uncle Dane Jackson, Class of 1913, and several cousins. Surviving Middlebury relatives include niece Dorinda Ingalls '72, nephew Stephen Caswell '80, great-nephew Dustin Boone '95, and several cousins.

49 **Jane D. Baker**, 86, of Watertown, Mass., on February 18, 2013. At Middlebury she was an active staff member of the *Campus*. She began her 40-year teaching career at Brewster Academy but spent 33 years at Beaver Country Day School in Chestnut Hill, Mass. She is survived by a niece and two nephews.

Philip G. Hull, 88, of Hightstown, N.J., on April 5, 2013. During WWII he served with the Army and remained in the Army Reserve until 1963, retiring as a major. At Middlebury he was in Alpha Tau Omega and in the choir, band, and orchestra. After graduating Phi Beta Kappa, he earned a law degree from Columbia Law School and spent his career working for law firm Winthrop, Stimson, Putnam & Roberts, retiring in 1997. He is survived by wife Gretchen (Gaebelein), sons Jeffrey and Sanford, daughter Meredyth, and seven grandchildren.

50 **Donald H. Baker**, 87, of Ridgefield, Conn., on March 10, 2013. He served in the Army in Europe during WWII. A KDR at Middlebury, he earned an MEd from Tufts and taught for two years before entering Andover Newton Theological School and becoming ordained in 1958. He served several Congregational churches over the years. Predeceased by first wife Diane (Floyd) and daughter Susan, he is survived by second wife Edith (Yake), daughters Dale and Meredith '88, two grandchildren, and two stepchildren.

Bruce E. Burdett, 89, of Sunapee, N.H., on April 7, 2013. During WWII he served as a staff sergeant in the Third Army, 188th Combat Engineer Battalion in Europe and during the Battle of the Bulge. At Middlebury he was a member of Sigma Epsilon and of the track, tennis, and basketball teams. With an MA in English from Brown Univ., he taught at Westminster School in Simsbury, Conn., for 37 years, teaching languages and serving as the chair of the foreign language dept. Predeceased by wife Peg (Stearns) '50, he is survived by daughter Carol, sons Bruce '74 and Douglas '87, MA English '96, and seven grandchildren.

Frederick J. McGarry, 86, of Weston, Mass., on March 27, 2013. A Sigma Epsilon at Middlebury, he earned an SB and SM in mechanical engineering from MIT. His first appointment was in the Materials of Construction Division in the Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering at MIT. In 1975 he joined the Dept. of Materials Science and Engineering. He taught many subjects over the years, most notably in polymer engineering, behavior of plastics, and fracture of materials. Predeceased by wife Alice, he is survived by longtime partner Norma Webb, daughters Martha '73, Alice, Joan, Carol, Susan, and Janet, and four grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include brothers Richard '43 and John '45, who died December 11, 2013. Surviving Middlebury relatives include nieces Jane '79 and Judith '82 McGarry.

Murray R. Pearlstein, 84, of Santa Fe, N.M., on April 21, 2013. A Phi Kappa Tau at Middlebury, he earned his degree from Harvard and took over his father's clothing store, Louis Boston. He built it into a landmark specialty store and was among the first retailers to bring European designers to America in the 1960s. He is survived by wife Jeanne (Barbour), daughters Debi and Nancy, son Steven, and three grandchildren.

51 **Ruth Harris Carlson**, 83, of Arvada, Colo., on February 4, 2013. A full-time mother and homemaker, she raised three daughters with her husband. They also raised and showed goats and she belonged to an antique study group. Surviving Middlebury relatives include husband Kendall '50 and cousin Donald Harris '49. Deceased Middlebury relatives include father Stanton Harris '24, uncle Homer Harris '18, and aunt Katherine Harris '18.

Mary Kahler Hench, 83, of Charleston, S.C., on February 9, 2013. She owned a small bread-making and health-food shop from 1974–1981 in Charleston. In addition to being a patron of the arts, she was a painter and a poet. She was involved in many community services and organizations. She is survived by sons Bradford and Keith, daughter Molly, and one grandchild.

Neil F. Myers, 84, of Denver, Colo., on April 27, 2013. At Middlebury he was in Theta Chi and on the tennis team. During the Korean War, he served in the Signal Corps. He had a long career with the J.C. Penney Co. Predeceased by wife Gladys (Tanner) '53, he is survived by sons Daniel and Russell. Surviving Middlebury relatives include sister Barbara Myers White '49, nephew David White '77, and niece Marilyn White Sowles '79 and husband J. Kenneth '80.

P. Jane Evarts Robinson, 83, of Melbourne, Fla., on February 9, 2013. She was a Sigma Kappa at Middlebury. With her RN degree from Mary Fletcher School of Nursing in Burlington, Vt., she worked many years in private-duty nursing, and in hospitals and nursing homes. She also worked as a day supervisor at St. Joseph's Manor in Portland, Maine, and set up and directed their adult day-care facility. Predeceased by husband Donald, she is survived by sons Dale and Cris, daughters Kaye-Don, Lynn, and Kymm, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

52 **Lawrence B. Cline**, 84, of Albany, N.Y., on May 7, 2013. With a master's in geology from UVM and PhD work at RPI, he taught geology and geography, first at SUNY-Albany then at Schenectady County Community College, where he became a full professor. He is survived by wife Arvilla (Knute), and daughters Victoria and Melissa. Deceased Middlebury relatives include grandfather Ezra Brainerd, Class of 1864, mother Dorothy Brainerd Cline '23, brothers Reamer '32 and Marshall '41, aunts Bertha Brainerd Adams, Class of 1895, Frances Brainerd Baird, Class of 1898, Alice Brainerd Nelson, Class of 1904, and Katherine Brainerd Eddy '28, uncles Charles Adams, Class of 1895, and Stanton Eddy '27, and several cousins.

53 **Joann Cutting Child**, 80, of Shelburne, Vt., on February 8, 2013. A Sigma Kappa at Middlebury, she was elected to both Mortar Board and Phi Beta Kappa after her junior year. She was a teacher for many years and after retirement, tutored children with dys-

lexia and volunteered with the American Red Cross Blood Center. She is survived by husband John and son David. Deceased Middlebury relatives include great-great-great-great-uncle Martin Everts, Class of 1841, great-great-great-uncle Albert Everts, Class of 1861, great-great-uncle Martin Cady, Class of 1869, great-great-uncle Henry Cady, Class of 1881, great-great-uncle Gilbert Cady, Class of 1893, great-uncle Frank Cady, Class of 1898, aunt Eunice Cady Florence, Class of 1916, father Charles Cady Cutting '21, and many cousins. Many Middlebury cousins also survive her.

Barbara Connor McLaughlin, 81, of Southbury, Conn., on February 24, 2013. A Kappa Kappa Gamma at Middlebury, she was actively involved in local politics in Portsmouth, N.H., and Southbury. She served on the Portsmouth School Committee, Town Council, Zoning Board of Review, and Water Board, often as chairperson or president. She also served many years on the Southbury Board of Selectmen and as president of the Heritage Village Republican Club. Predeceased by husband William, she is survived by sons John and Robert, and three grandchildren.

54 **Deborah Redfield Smith**, 81, of Naples, Fla., on February 5, 2013. She was a graduate of the Elliot Pearson School at Tufts Univ., where she specialized in early child developmental education. After teaching in the nursery school at St. Stephens College, she began the Rhode Island Hospital nursery school for pediatric patients. Moving to Marblehead, Mass., she costarted the St. Andrews Church nursery school. She was an active volunteer in the North Shore area. She is survived by husband Edward, daughter Laura, son David, and four grandchildren.

55 **Maureen Smiley Gross**, 80, of Conway, S.C., on February 14, 2013. She was in Kappa Delta at Middlebury. After raising her children, she earned her RN associate degree from Suffolk County Community College and began work in an acute-care medical-surgical unit in a hospital in Greenport, N.Y. Later she worked at Little Flower Children and Family Services. Predeceased by husband Charles Marks, she is survived by son Hardison, daughter Gillian, one grandson, and five step-grandchildren.

56 **Sally Bowers Harrell**, 78, of Indianapolis, Ind., on May 1, 2013. A lifelong philanthropist, she served on the board of directors of the Children's Bureau, a privately funded child welfare agency, for over 40 years. She also served on the board of trustees of Orchard Country Day School and was one of the first women presidents of the board. She is survived by daughters Holly and Karen, sons Samuel, Kevin, Donald, and Kenneth, and 11 grandchildren.

Bradford S. Tripp, 77, of Hingham, Mass., on April 7, 2013. At Middlebury he was a member of Phi Kappa Tau and ran track. He served from 1957–59 in the Army and spent a year ocean sailboat racing. He joined State Street Bank in Boston as a computer programmer in 1961 and retired in 1993 as executive VP of global operations. He was instrumental in bringing State Street into the computer age. He is survived by wife Jane, daughters Alison, Lauren, and Amanda '04, son Leigh, and seven grandchildren.

R. Bentley Washburne Jr., 79, of Montpelier, Vt., on April 29, 2013. He worked for the State of Vermont Dept. of Social Welfare for almost 35 years, retiring in 1991. In retirement he was an active volunteer in various organizations including Central Vermont Assoc. for Retarded Citizens, Good Samaritan Haven, and Vermont Assoc. for the Blind and Visually Impaired, among others. He is survived by wife Gloria (McQuesten), son Todd, daughter Kelly, and two grandchildren.

57 **Randall T. Sargent**, 77, of Fort Myers, Fla., on February 8, 2013. He was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon and played football at Middlebury. In 1959 he founded Sargent Travel Agency. After selling the company, he worked at Merrill Lynch for 15 years as a stockbroker and operations manager before joining Underhill Assoc., where he served as VP and resident manager of the Toms River, N.J., office. He is survived by wife Marel (DeGolyer), sons John and Thomas, daughter Laurie, and six grandchildren.

58 **George G. Carey**, 78, of Tenant's Harbor, Maine, on March 2, 2013. At Middlebury he was a member of Theta Chi and the hockey and tennis teams. With a PhD from Indiana Univ., he taught at the Univ. of Maryland, where he published *Maryland Folklore*. He later joined the faculty of the English dept. at UMass–Amherst, and while there served as Maryland's State Folklorist. He is survived by wife Susan Dooley, former wife Deborah (Davis) '58, daughter Merritt, sister Nan '69, brother James '65, and three grandchildren. Other surviving Middlebury relatives include niece Zoe Carey '16, and cousins Stephen Smith '70, Jessica Smith '04, and Trevor Smith '04.

Gordon M. Simms, 77, of York, Pa., on March 21, 2013. He was a member of Alpha Sigma Psi and sang in the choir in college. He worked with the family business, Jamestown Veneer and Plywood, and was a production woodworking machinery salesman prior to founding and serving as president of Simms Machinery and Kiika International. He sang in his church choir for 30 years and with the York Symphony Chorus. He is survived by wife Mary (Loomis) '58, sons Daniel and William, daughters Elizabeth and Kathleen, and 10 grandchildren.

JOHN H. CLAGETT
APRIL 6, 1916–NOVEMBER 5, 2013

John H. Clagett, 97, professor emeritus of English, passed away on November 5, 2013, in Middlebury, Vt. A 1940 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, he served during WWII in the Pacific as commander of PT 111, which was sunk by shellfire during an attack at Guadalcanal in 1943. Badly burned, he and two crew members survived a night in the water after which he spent six months in the San Diego Naval Hospital. After his naval career, he joined the Foreign Service and was attached to the embassy in Norway until 1949.

Earning a PhD from Yale Univ., he joined the faculty at Middlebury in 1955 as an instructor in the Dept. of English, Drama, and Speech. He taught English and creative writing and was promoted to full professor, retiring in 1978. The faculty honored him as "an active, productive, and diligent man in his career as teacher, writer, and citizen." A prolific writer, he authored 19 books, both nonfiction and fiction, including *The Slot* and *Papa Tango*, two novels about the exploits of PT boat captains during WWII.

A gifted singer, he was a 50-year member of the choir at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and an active participant in the Community Players' musical productions. In one of his final appearances, he performed in *The Pirates of Penzance* in 2003.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Marjorie (Douglas), daughters Marjorie and Randi Anne, grandson John, and a great-granddaughter.

59 **Eleanor Bennett Marlow**, 75, of La Salle, Texas, on February 7, 2013. At Middlebury she was in Kappa Kappa Gamma. For many years she served as the editor of the monthly *Guide to Aspen*. She enjoyed skiing, dancing, fishing, riding, and the arts. She is survived by sons David, Christopher '94, and Andrew, and three grandchildren. Surviving Middlebury relatives include sister Carolyn Bennett Jackson '61 and niece Eleanor Bennett '14.

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61 **Linda Leighton Harrison**, 73, of Prescott, Ariz., on March 5, 2013. After earning her master's in German from Middlebury in Mainz, Germany, she taught for a year in Berlin. Over the years she taught some high school and college German. In 1989 she earned an MSW from Syracuse Univ. and worked in the county social services dept. before establishing her own counseling practice. She is survived by husband Richard, sons Jeffrey and Steven, and two grandchildren.

68 **Pamela Parsons Naughton**, 66, of Weston, Conn., on April 9, 2013. With an MSW from Fordham Univ., she worked as a social worker at Hall-Brooke Hospital in Westport, Conn., and in the special education dept. at Weston Middle School. In 1995 she joined Blue Light Theater Co., founded by her son in NYC, as the director of development, where she served until 2001. She is survived by husband James, son Greg '90, daughter Keira, and two grandchildren.

Candace Cushman Wisnieski, 66, of Upper Montclair, N.J., on April 26, 2013. With a career in education, she taught high school English and theater in Southbury, Conn., and English Immaculate Conception High School in Montclair, where she also coached youth soccer. She bred and trained championship collies and therapy dogs and served on several professional boards. She is survived by husband Tony, sons George and Peter, one grandchild, and three sisters, including Emily Cushman Belanger '76. Deceased Middlebury relatives include grandfather Howard Farwell, Class of 1913.

71 **Thomas E. Stasz**, 63, of Weybridge, Vt., on March 16, 2013. He was a member of Delta Upsilon at Middlebury and played soccer. With a JD from Syracuse Univ. and a PhD from Cornell, he worked as a bench scientist, corporate attorney, and founded a start-up company. He is survived by wife Bird (Beck) '70, daughter Meghan, son Jeffrey, his parents, and three brothers.

78 **W. Fred Jenkins Jr.**, 56, of West Orange, N.J., on March 17, 2013. With an MPA from Cornell Univ., he worked in communications with Bell Atlantic and Verizon before opening his own consulting company. He is survived by wife Sophia Eyassu, sons Jonathan, Simon, and David, and daughter Tiffany.

99 **Mika S. Farrington**, 36, of Portland, Ore., on March 5, 2013 of melanoma. With a degree from the California Academy of Art in San Francisco, she worked as a graphic designer in the marketing dept. of Hallmark before moving to Portland. She later worked at the Univ. of Oregon Career Center. She is survived by husband David Higgs, daughters Vivian and Daphne, a sister, and her parents.

05 **Kristen N. Chatelain**, 28, of Dallas, Texas, on November 16, 2012, after battling kidney cancer. At Middlebury she was a French major and studied in Poitiers, France. With a master's in translation from ETI in Geneva, Switzerland, she was employed as a translator and proofreader for the International Organization for Standardization in Geneva. She also volunteered as a translator representing indigenous peoples at the UN. She is survived by mother Beverly, stepfather Greg, and father Larry.

11 **Ian M. Cameron**, 24, of East Greenwich, R.I., on June 29, 2013. A continuing student at Middlebury, he was on the Dean's List and sailed with Middlebury's competitive sailing team. He was interested in how the mind works and also did research at Brown Univ. Predeceased by father Mark, he is survived by mother Lisa and sister Shreve.

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Alfred F. Alberico, 91, of San Rafael, Calif., on December 7, 2012. During WWII he served in the U.S. Army as a tech sergeant in France, Japan, and the Philippines. He earned his BA from the Univ. of Northern Colorado, Greeley, his master's in Italian from Middlebury, and his PhD in Romance languages from Yale Univ. He taught summers at Middlebury's Italian School from 1961–1963 and also served as the director from 1976–1978. In 1959 he joined the faculty of San Francisco State Univ., where he taught Italian, French, and comparative literature until retiring in 1987.

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Anne Hoover, 86, of Middlebury, Vt., on September 26, 2013. After graduating from Wellesley College in 1949, she worked as a secretary at the Rockefeller Foundation in NYC, the beginning of a career working for cause-related nonprofits as well as colleges and universities. In her 20-year career at Middlebury, she spent her final 10 years as the executive assistant at the Bread Loaf School of English, retiring in 1992. She was very active in the community and was the recipient of the 2011 Spirit in Nature Eco-Spirit Award and the 2008 Middlebury Citizens Medal for Civic Involvement and Leadership. She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Stanley C. Myrick, 61, of Bridport, Vt., on September 19, 2013. After graduating from Middlebury Union High School in 1970, he earned his Technology Certification through Bell & Howell Schools. He was a self-employed carpenter before joining the College staff in 1985 as a building and groundskeeper for the Bread Loaf campus, resigning in 2002. He is survived by his parents, three sisters, and four brothers.

IN MEMORIAM

The following is a list of deaths reported to us since the previous issue went to the printers. Full obituaries will appear in future issues of the magazine.

Eleanor Barnum Gardner '38 . . . . . January 8, 2014
Edith Ladd Evans '41 . . . . . December 13, 2013
Theodore E. Russell '42 . . . . . December 5, 2013
Edward N. Decker '43 . . . . . December 18, 2013
Janet Hooker Laine '43 . . . . . December 17, 2013
Patricia Rogers Prukop '43 . . . . . December 16, 2013
Yvonne Golding Weinhardt '43 . . . . December 10, 2013
Winifred Witzigman Ballou '44 . . . . . January 2, 2014
John B. Cadwell '44 . . . . . February 9, 2014
John J. McGarry '45 . . . . . December 11, 2013
Barbara Carey Goodman '46 . . . . . November 23, 2013
Jean Crawford McKee '46 . . . . . December 12, 2013
Janet Kasper Taylor '46 . . . . . September 12, 2013
Marjory Nelson Bench '47 . . . . . January 2, 2014
Gloria Tanner Assie '48 . . . . . December 20, 2008
Marguerite Stern Pratt '48 . . . . . January 4, 2014
James H. MacCornack '49 . . . . . December 24, 2013
Janice Hand Ranlet '49 . . . . . December 9, 2013
Richard A. Boss '50 . . . . . January 17, 2014
Irving A. Farrar '51 . . . . . August 30, 2013
Peter B. Flickinger '52 . . . . . January 23, 2014
George C. Rapp '52 . . . . . December 2, 2013
Joyce Ward Usher '52 . . . . . December 31, 2013
Cedric E. Sherrer Jr. '53 . . . . . December 24, 2013
Patricia Tyler Turner '53 . . . . . December 14, 2013
William L. Wagner Jr. '53 . . . . . November 28, 2013
Roger S. Colton '54 . . . . . January 2, 2014
Phillip J. Grogin '54 . . . . . October 4, 2013
Doris Sturtevant Peck '54 . . . . . December 25, 2013
Maureen Kane Steinecke '54 . . . . . January 27, 2014
Margaret Moreau Willett '54 . . . . . January 11, 2013
Linda Donk Gray '56 . . . . . December 4, 2013
Theodore N. Parker '59 . . . . . January 17, 2014
Peter E. Battelle '60 . . . . . December 15, 2013
Thomas N. Dabney '61 . . . . . January 4, 2014
Dennis J. Harrington '65 . . . . . December 11, 2013
Edwin H. Hunter Jr. '71 . . . . . June 26, 2012
Ann E. Robins '72 . . . . . November 6, 2013
Samuel Farrow '73 . . . . . January 24, 2014

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Edward H. Bourque, MA French '55 . . December 16, 2013
David R. Proper, MA French '61 . . . . . January 19, 2014
Theodore A. Litman, MA French '62 . . . . March 21, 2013
Julie B. Carpenter, MA French '67 . . . . January 14, 2014
Helen E. Wimberg, MA French '75 . . . . January 27, 2014
William F. Sikorski, MA Russian '61 . . . . January 9, 2014
Larry L. Bedell, MA Spanish '71 . . . . . November 1, 2013
Cameron M. Baird, MS Chemistry '51 November 23, 2013

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Robert W. Hill Jr., Henry Norman
Hudson Professor Emeritus of English . . January 28, 2014

Carl A. Peabody, 75, of East Middlebury, Vt., on October 11, 2013. While attending the Univ. of Vermont, he participated in the Reserve Officers Training Corps and graduated with military honors. He served two years of active duty in the Army before joining the College staff as the assistant manager of the bookstore in 1962. In 1964 he was made the manager and worked 30 years before retiring in 1994. He is survived by wife Peggy (Link), children Kathy and Steve, and two grandchildren.

Lee W. Yorton, 92, of Glastonbury, Conn., on September 28, 2013. At Middlebury, she was the director of undergraduate records in the Dept. of Hospitality and an office manager in the Office of the Dean of Students from 1972 until 1983. Assisting with Commencement ceremonies in 1983, her retirement was announced and she received a standing ovation from the students. She loved hiking and acting with the Middlebury Community Players. She is survived by loving family members.

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

43 **Jacqueline M. Gadoury**, 91, MA French, of Woonsocket, R.I., on January 1, 2013. She taught French in schools in Massachusetts and New York.

47 **E. Blake Pierce**, 90, MA French, of Ridgewood, N.J., on November 12, 2012. During WWII he served in the Army and was a French interpreter. He taught English at Lycée Henri Quatre in Paris after the war then had a career at Liberty Mutual Insurance Co.

54 **Patricia Weed**, 80, MA French, of Northampton, Mass., on January 2, 2013. With a doctorate from Yale Univ., she taught 35 years in the Smith College French dept., retiring as professor emerita in 1997.

56 **Rachel Charpentier Fleming**, 88, MA French, of York, Pa., on January 6, 2013. She was a high school language teacher for 33 years.

61 **Theodore E.B. Wood**, 81, MA English, of Santa Rosa, Calif., on November 13, 2012. With a PhD from UPenn, he was a teacher, a publisher, and a playwright.

62 **Helen Osborne Platt**, 80, MA Italian, of Chambersburg, Pa., on December 7, 2012. With a PhD in Romance languages, she taught for many years at both the high school and college levels and was elected to several honorary societies.

64 **Anne Boehringer Eidlin**, 73, MA Russian, of Toronto, Canada, on December 21, 2012. She served for many years on the Wellington County Board of Education.

66 **Amelia McCauley Magee**, 82, MA French, of Rockland, Mass., on December 3, 2012. She was an associate professor at Boston College before retiring.

68 **Michael A. Rouse**, 70, MA English, of Reno, Nev., on December 2, 2012. He taught high school English, worked in the gaming industry, and was a community college humanities instructor.

Raymond J. Shea, 76, MA English, of Bolton, Mass., on November 22, 2012. He taught high school English for nine years then taught at Middlesex Community College from 1970–2012, retiring as professor emeritus.

69 **Kathryn Young Mosier**, 71, MA German, of Fulton, N.Y., on November 21, 2012. She taught high school German and served two years as a Peace Corps volunteer.

79 Br. **Joseph E. Umile**, 64, MA French, of Notre Dame, Ind., on January 13, 2013. After taking his vows in 1976 he was a teacher and administrator in secondary schools before becoming the director of development at Holy Cross College at Notre Dame.

84 **Arthur L. Perry**, 77, MA English, of Farmington, Maine, on December 12, 2012. He taught high school English in the Farmington school district and served as chair of the English dept.

89 **Edward M. Anderson**, 46, MA Italian, of Houston, Texas, on January 15, 2013. A gifted musician and linguist, he was a professor in the Dept. of Humanities at Rice Univ.

92 **Diana M. Ricci**, 43, MA Italian, of Concord, Mass., on December 14, 2012. She worked at Bolt, Beranek and Newman and rose through the company ranks to become a network engineer.

93 **Carol Taber Hayes**, 91, MLitt English, of Burlington, Vt., on November 23, 2012. After teaching English at UVM and serving as chair of the English dept. at Champlain College, she had a 30-year career in the English dept. of Holyoke Community College in Massachusetts.

03 **Jeffery M. Loxterman**, 57, MA English, of Fort Wingate, N.M., on December 30, 2012. He served as a high school English teacher on the Navajo Reservation and enjoyed the Navajo culture and spiritualism.

MATTHEW J. POWER
OCTOBER 22, 1974–MARCH 10, 2014

Matthew J. Power '96, who was 39 and lived in Brooklyn, N.Y., died on March 10 while on assignment for *Men's Journal* in Uganda, reportedly from heatstroke. A native of Cornwall, Vt., he was an award-winning freelance print and radio journalist who traveled all over the world to 62 countries as well as to all 50 states. With a degree in English from Middlebury, he moved to New York City to begin an impressive career writing for such publications as *Harper's, GQ, Outside, National Geographic,* and the *New York Times,* among many others. In search of stories he drifted down the Mississippi with modern-day hobos, visited a gigantic garbage dump in the Philippines, and traveled to Costa Rica to write about a man murdered as he tried to protect endangered leatherback turtles from poachers, to name a few of his adventures. His body of work was legendary in the journalism community. He was a three-time finalist for the Livingston Award for Young Journalists, a finalist for the Kurt Schork Award in International Journalism, and was the recipient of a 2005 Lowell Thomas/Society of American Travel Writers Gold Award for Best Land Travel Article and a 2005 Bronze Award for Best Adventure Travel Article. A 2004 Nonfiction Scholar at the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, he returned many summers as a regular speaker. He was also a 2010–2011 Knight-Wallace Fellow at the Univ. of Michigan. He is survived by wife Jessica Benko, mother Jane Steele, father John Power, and sisters Julie Ruppert and Elizabeth Robison and their families.

Photo by photographer Amber Hunt, a friend of Matt's, who writes, "I didn't yet know Matt when I shot the image, but I figured out pretty quickly that I'd caught a perfect Matt moment—talking enthusiastically to a peer."

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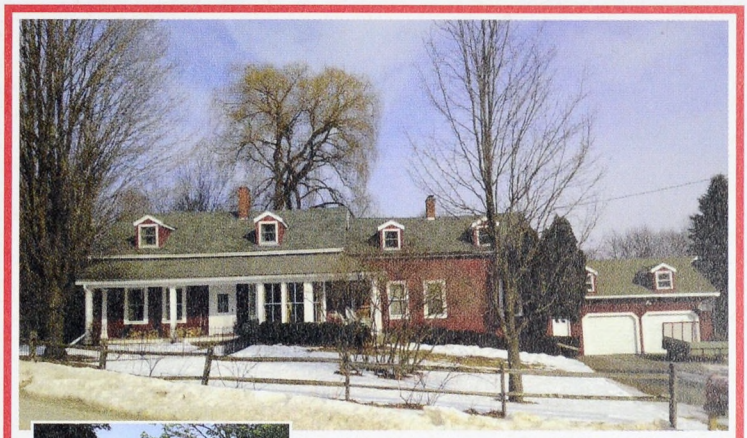

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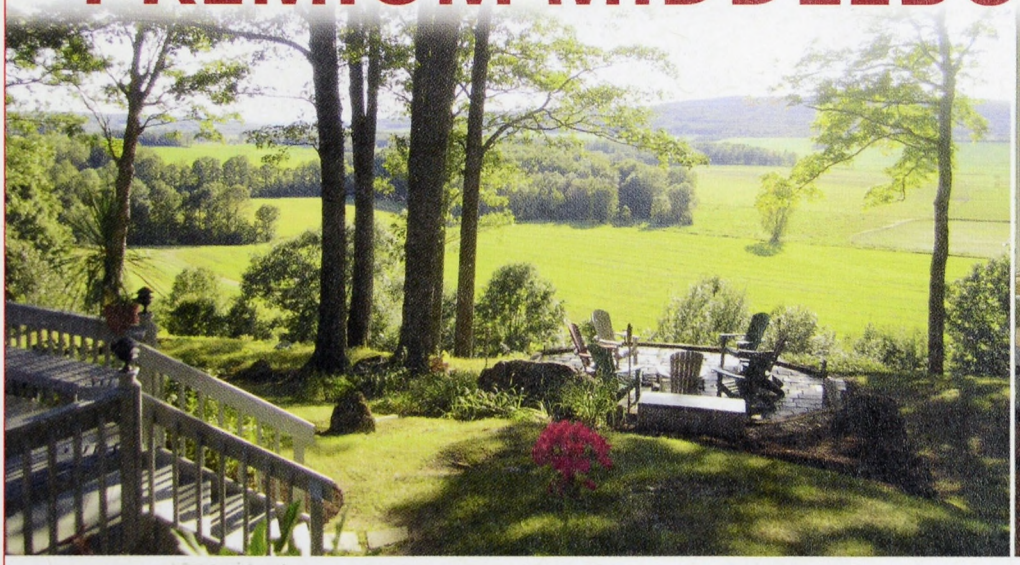

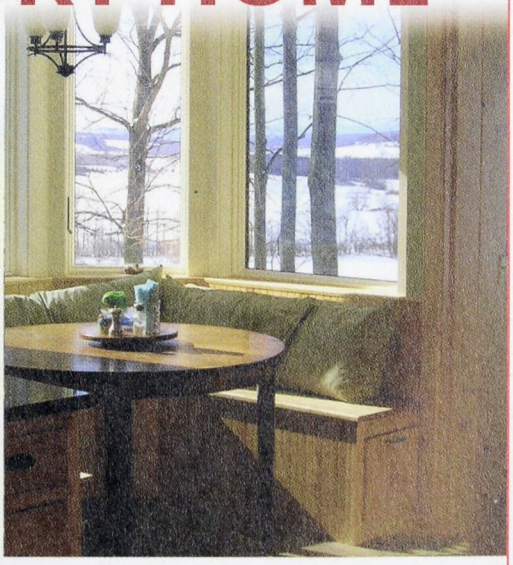

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By Damon Hatheway '13.5

Super Day

Screaming fans adorn one section of the stands; on the floor of the arena, a female vocalist belts out "America the Beautiful" while cheerleaders dance in rhythm. Everyone is waiting for the same thing—the players and coaches to emerge from their respective tunnels and take the stage. But this isn't the Super Bowl. It's Super Bowl *media day.*

Steven Hauschka '07 probably never thought that signing up to be the kicker at Middlebury would one day get him to the Super Bowl. Nor could I have imagined that volunteering to cover the football team for the *Campus* my first fall at school would eventually lead to me covering Super Bowl media day. But there we both were on the Tuesday before the Super Bowl: he in team-issued sweatpants, me in a button-down and khakis, my one-strapped backpack sliding off my shoulder as I made my way over to where he stood.

At 6'4", Hauschka is taller than you might expect. But then there's very little about him that you would expect from an NFL kicker. Seattle head coach Pete Carroll has ignored his fair share of league-wide trends, but even here Hauschka remains the exception rather than the rule. Carroll, like every other NFL head coach, wants his kicker to keep his head down, make field goals, and kick the ball through the back of the end zone.

And that's exactly what Hauschka has done, securing a job in Seattle with his accuracy, distance on kickoffs, and by keeping his most unusual road to the NFL largely under wraps. Until very recently, he had publicly listed his alma mater as North Carolina State, where he completed the fourth year of his football eligibility while taking graduate courses.

But this year, as Hauschka kicked himself and the Seahawks into national relevance, things began to change. Chris Berman, the gregarious ESPN host, first revealed Hauschka's Middlebury ties to a national audience when he boasted on *The Blitz* that Hauschka, who had just kicked a game-winning field goal in overtime, had attended Middlebury.

Despite Berman's best efforts, however, the other shoe didn't drop until Super Bowl media day, when 600 journalists—I among them—descended on the Prudential Center in Newark, New Jersey, looking for a story to tell. The *Boston Globe*, *Wall Street Journal* and *Sports Illustrated* all picked up on Hauschka's unusual beginnings as a Division III soccer player in Vermont.

But amid the chaos, I caught his attention. And for a few minutes we talked about his time at Middlebury, how it prepared him for his day-to-day existence in the NFL, what he remembered from his days kicking in the NESCAC, and his coaches and friends from school. He wore Seahawks apparel, but the Middlebury M was still discernible.

Four days later, I was skiing down the Snow Bowl in cap and gown, joining Steven Hauschka among the ranks of Middlebury alumni. A day after that, I returned to New Jersey with my dad to witness Hauschka and the Seahawks win the Super Bowl. Lifelong Seahawks fans, my dad and I made a pact in 2005 that we would be there when the team won its first Super Bowl in franchise history. Never in my wildest dreams, however, could I have imagined that a fellow Midd alum would help make that happen, and, in some small way, that I would share in the experience. M

Damon Hatheway was the sports editor of the Campus*; sports director of WRMC-FM; radio play-by-play voice of Panther football, basketball, and lacrosse; cofounder of sports blog* Panther Nation. *And he was a political science major.*

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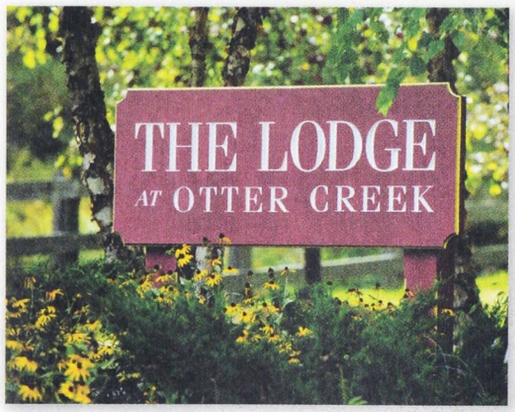

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